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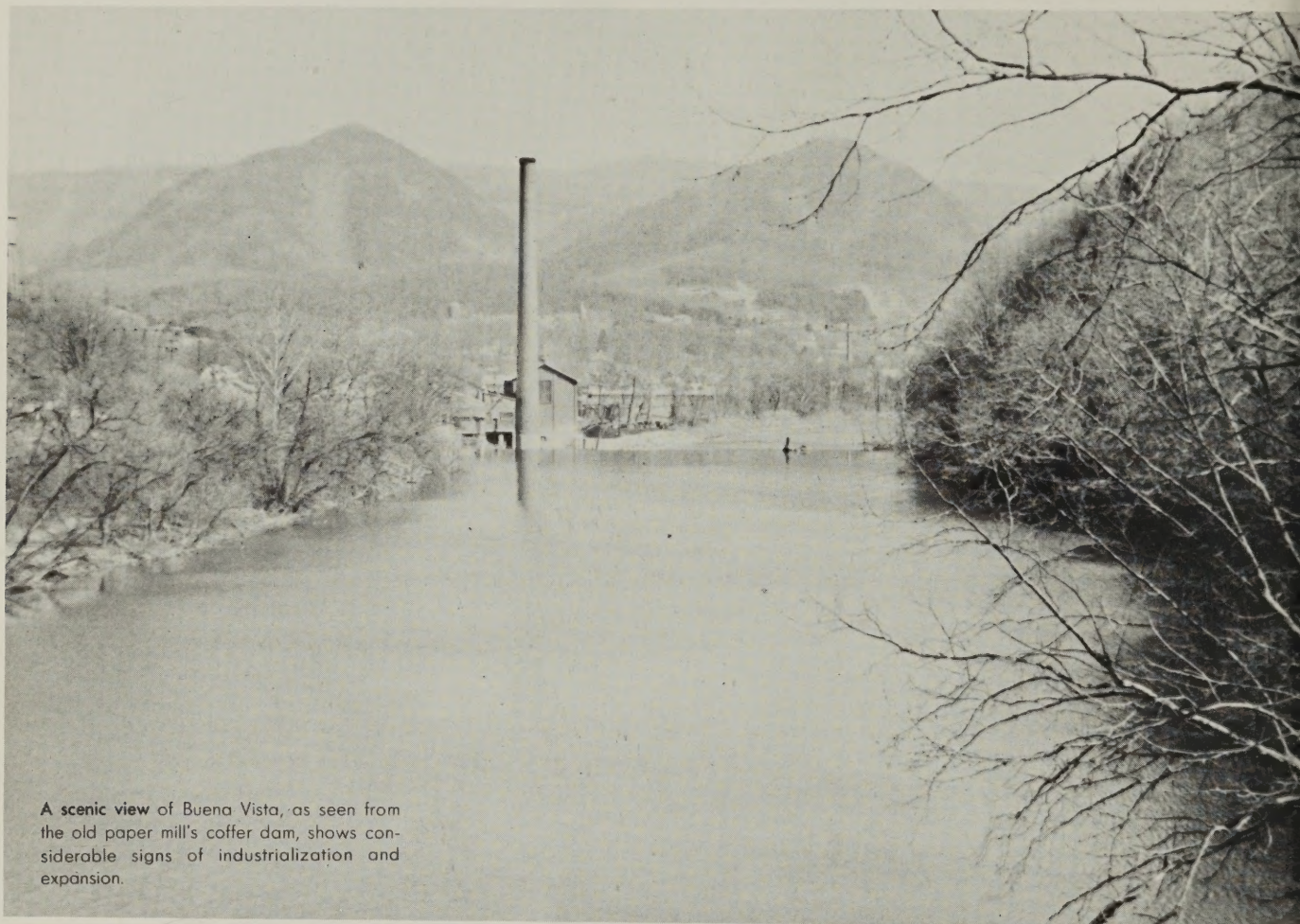
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A scenic view of Buena Vista, as seen from the old paper mill's coffer dam, shows considerable signs of industrialization and expansion.

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1851 — 1881

MOOMAW'S LANDING

At this spot was Moomaw's Landing on the North River Canal. On May 14, 1863, the Marshall, Queen of the Packet Fleet, passed here Carrying the body of General Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson to Lexington for internment. The Canal was the means by which Mrs. Robert E. Lee came to Lexington to join her husband at Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) in 1865.

Marking the many significant events which occurred at Moomaw's Landing, this sign stands on Route 60 near the city limits.

As one looks back over the past two hundred years of American history, it is apparent that the youth of America has played an instrumental role in almost every phase of national development. Even before the Revolutionary War, youthful involvement was vital, as America's first colonists were predominantly young people in search of adventure and a better way of life. During the conflicts which would ensue, this would become even more critical, as a strong unwavering spirit of courage and determination would be needed for the infant nation to survive against the forces of England.

After securing independence, it was a spirit of youthful persistence which urged the drafters of the Constitution to seek even higher goals. When completed, their work would stand as a landmark in the history of democracy and mankind, with three-eighths of the signers only in their twenties and thirties.

Throughout the decades which followed, America's young men were repeatedly called onto the battlefields of the world. Spurred on by the same spirit which filled the minutemen of the Revolutionary

War, the young American soldier, whether fighting on his own soil during the Civil War, or overseas during one of the world wars, has always found within himself an unsuppressable determination to defend his nation and the ideals in which he believes.

In more recent years, it was again the spirited American youth, who while defending principles and ideals in which he believed, bitterly condemned the war of Vietnam. Protesting through their anti-war marches and demonstrations, the young people of America displayed their continued interest in the affairs of their nation and their willingness and ability to influence the spirit of their country.

Just as America's history has been influenced by her young people, so has the history of Buena Vista. Tucked away between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Maury River, Buena Vista, prior to the 1800's, was a large expanse of undeveloped farmland frequented only by Indian hunting parties and a few white explorers who knew the area as Hart's Bottom. One of these adventurers was a young man named B.C. Moomaw. He and his

family were the first to settle in the area and they were joined shortly afterward by a young doctor named G.D. Meriweather. Other young people followed and soon a small settlement was growing along the banks of the river.

When rich deposits of iron ore were discovered in the surrounding hills, the whole area was purchased by a mining company and was named Green Forest. Hundreds of people were brought in to work the newly opened mines. By 1888, Green Forest had expanded into a bustling boom town. In the following years, factories and businesses were established, railroads were put through, and a huge hotel and an opera house were constructed. In 1892, Green Forest was incorporated into a city, although a heated controversy centered around the population requirement of 5000.

When cannon balls cast from Green Forest iron were used to win the Battle of Buena Vista during the Spanish-American War, a few spirited citizens urged the city's name be changed to the present name, Buena Vista. Even before the change "Buena Vista" had been a familiar expression since its English



Anticipating a population of over 40,000, the Buena Vista Company built a plush hotel which now serves as the main building for Southern Seminary Junior College.

translation "beautiful view" was very descriptive of the area. Consequently, the new name was quickly adopted by the citizens as they proudly proclaimed the beauty of their community.

Although the first ore samples from the mines proved extremely high-grade, these tracer deposits soon vanished uncovering the large deposits of lower-grade ore which lay below. With this change in circumstances, the mining company discreetly dropped their half-finished plans for developing the city into a metropolis of over 40,000 people, and left the highly diverse townspeople in a semi-city which contained features resembling both a large metropolitan area and a small rural village.

Along with the collapse of the mining company's plans came the similar failure of the railroad's plans to place a major railroad intersection through the city. With this second serious financial blow, many of the smaller factories were forced to close. But, others which had already established firm markets were able to remain in business, thus insuring the survival of the city.

What remained after the bust

was a city, hardly more than an oversized village, which contained an elegant hotel, an opera house for the culturally elite, and various other out-of-place buildings surrounded by the remains of an early frontier settlement. The townspeople were as diverse as the architecture; with some being the strongly independent mountain-type, and others being city factory workers left jobless after the bust.

As time passed, the city's economy managed to remain stable as there was a general trend toward industrialization, with the older, outmoded factories being replaced by more modern industries. The city's era of expansion and prosperity had ended as quickly as it had begun, and the citizens of Buena Vista faced the realization that they were destined to live in the much alluded to "small town America".

During its short history, Buena Vista has remained relatively unchanged. The only major changes in the young city have occurred through the decay and renovation of older buildings and through natural disaster. In both 1936 and 1969 floods devastated the city with the latter damaging 90% of the business

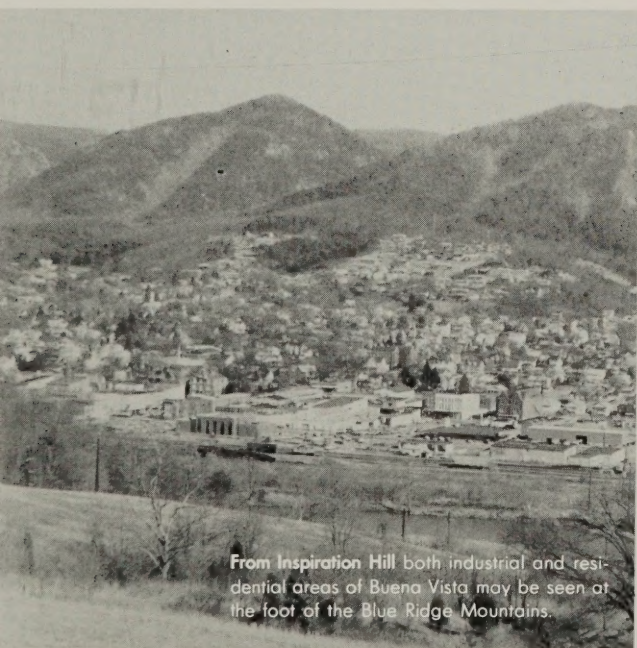
district and causing financial losses of nearly 5 million dollars.

However, the citizens of Buena Vista did not let disaster tear the community apart, but seized the opportunity to unite in rebuilding the city. With spirit and unity strengthened by their misfortune, the community continued to work together long after the signs of disaster were gone.

One indication of the strengthened community spirit has been the extraordinary support given to the total school program. School activities, such as athletic events, band performances, and drama productions are well-attended, being the major social functions in the city. Providing both financial and moral support, all residents, whether parents or not, take pride in school organizations and their accomplishments.

Showing the enthusiasm of a young, free spirit, the community continues to change and advance its institutions to meet its needs. Throughout history, our country and our community have proved themselves ...

Located near the intersection of Route 60 and Interstate 81, Buena Vista is within an hour's drive of Roanoke, Lynchburg, and Staunton.

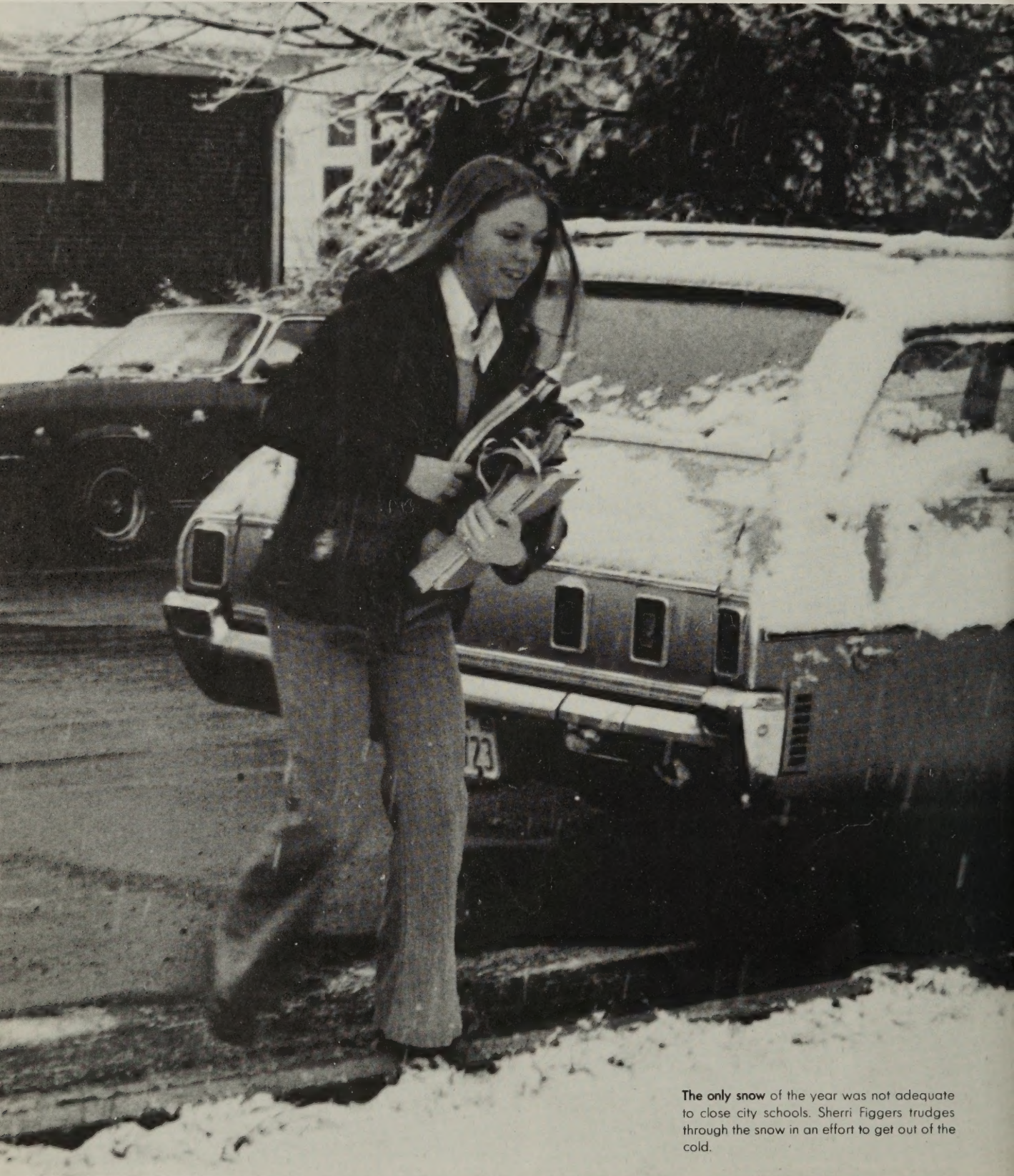


From Inspiration Hill both industrial and residential areas of Buena Vista may be seen at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains.



Construction of Kling Elementary School continues in preparation for its '76 opening. The old elementary school will be used for the Middle School, a new concept in education which is being introduced to the city.

We've got spirit



The only snow of the year was not adequate to close city schools. Sherri Figgers trudges through the snow in an effort to get out of the cold.

in our DAILY LIVES



Providing relief from home and academic pressures, an assortment of school- and community-oriented activities enhanced the year with unprecedented excitement. Activities emphasizing school and community cooperation, such as the Labor Day celebration, Band Day, and the Buena Vista Relays not only improved student-civic relationships, but also continued to give the city area-wide recognition.

Inside the school, Spirit Week, pep rallies, and other sports-related activities allowed the student body to promote school spirit as individuals, as classes, and as an entire school. This promotion of spirit at all levels established an atmosphere of unity, which was obsolete in many larger schools, but remained the center around which life at Parry McCluer revolved.

Dances, varying in attire from worn-out-casual to tux-formal, provided the student with a chance to experience different degrees of social responsibility as well as something respectable to do on weekend nights.

Newness and oldness were both contributing factors in the enhancement of student life. Totally new events, such as the "Free Fare" concert and Spirit Week heightened enthusiasm in student activities. Meanwhile, traditions such as Homecoming, the prom, Senior Day, and graduation, which are indeed time-honored, were made uniquely new through planned and unplanned happenings.

Devils Workshop provides music to lighten everyone's spirits after the disappointing loss to Bath County on Homecoming night.

Displaying their school spirit, the juniors cheer during a pep rally. Amidst the students, Mrs. Mickey Morris, a substitute teacher, gets in on the excitement.

The thrill of being a junior reaches its peak when Hans Mohler slips Boo Ewald's class ring on her finger after going under the arch of the ring dance.

IF ONLY THE HEAT

Summer usually comes to an abrupt halt with the opening of school. However, as the students returned to school in 1975, they knew that summer was not over yet.

The continuance of the summer heat was among the memories of the first day of school. As the day wore on, the heat seemed to close in on everyone. By late afternoon when the students gathered for the opening day assembly, all thoughts were smothered with the anticipation of getting back to the pool. Even the reactions toward the cheers for the upcoming football season were hindered by the heat which was so uncharacteristic of football weather.

The heat dragged on through the first week of classes. In fact, several area schools dismissed early due to the intense afternoon heat. However, Parry McCluer students "sweated it out". After a week of schedule changes and reunions in the unbearable heat, the students were ready for a welcomed Labor Day vacation.

The beginning of Labor Day activities was delayed by a downpour. But after an hour, the skies cleared and the waiting was over. The Marching Blues led the parade, which was the official opening of Buena Vista's Bicentennial celebration. From the site of the parade, downtown Buena Vista, activities shifted to Glen Maury Park. The day was filled with political campaigning, eating, socializing, listening to music, and getting sunburned. Even the rain had not pushed away the sizzling heat.

As night fell, the rain returned and the traditional finale of fireworks was cancelled. The Labor Day celebration was prematurely ended, and as the day closed, so did summer.

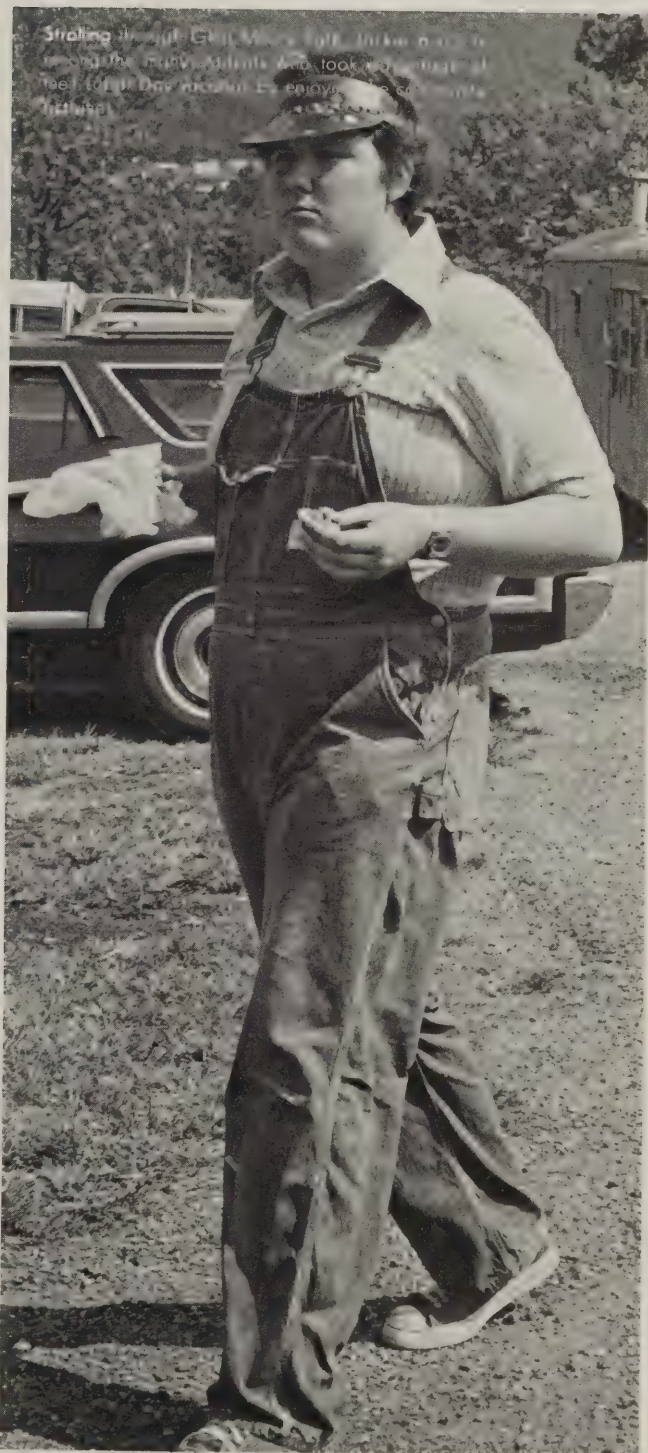
At the close of their first day in high school, the eighth graders show mixed emotions as they gather for their first assembly.



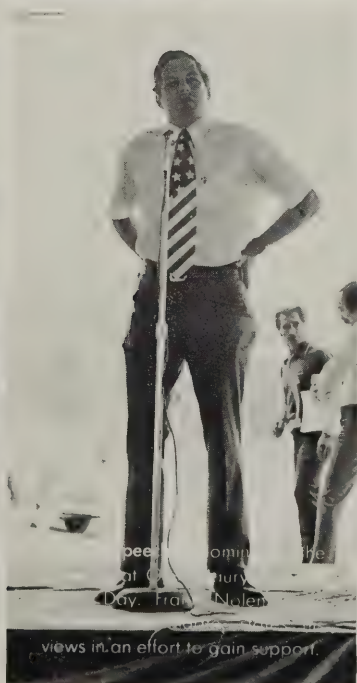
WOULD END TOO



A colonial flag hints at the Bicentennial theme of the Buena Vista Labor Day parade. This unusual vehicle was the entry of the Goshen First Aid Crew.



Striding through the parade, she took a moment to enjoy the day. She took a moment to enjoy the day.



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views in an effort to gain support.

DRIPPING HAIR



Standing in water, cheerleader Debbie Cash continues to yell for victory even though the team is being devastated by a strong Charger team.



Taking the principal's traditional duty, assistant principal Wayne Flint crowns the homecoming queen, Debbie Floyd. Looking on are her escort, Alan Burch, and head cheerleader, Gail Brown.

AND MUDDY FEET



A homecoming celebration is seldom characterized by dripping hair and muddy feet as was that of 1975. The Fighting Blues, undefeated with a record of 5-0, were ready to host the Bath County Chargers, when light rain began to fall in the late afternoon.

The game was played even though the rain kept falling, and by halftime the field was covered with mud and puddles of water. The traditional halftime ceremonies had to be postponed until the dance, which was in the gym later that night. The downpour spoiled not only halftime plans, but also played a major role in the outcome of the game. The Bath County performance on the muddy field was dynamic. Having shut out the Blues 13-0, the Chargers left the field, muddy but victorious.

By the time the fans and players had arrived at the school for the dance, they had dried off and had put the agony of defeat behind them. At the dance, Debbie Floyd was crowned homecoming queen. She had been selected by the football team from the senior representatives who were Ellen Mays escorted by David Austin, Linda Dyer escorted by Butchie Clark, and Debbie Floyd escorted by Alan Burch.

Enjoying the music of Devils' Workshop, students take advantage of the dance floor. Among the barefooted dancers are Rhonda Knick and Agnes Lyle.

Attention wanders from the game, as Carson Gibson (72) and Marty Carter (18) look at the depressing score, while Vince Blackburn (77) notices his reflection in the standing water.



RAINDROPS



Quipped to winks, Sharon Davis and Linda Phillips display their spirit on Halloween Day



Today the band is marching in a parade on Halloween Day for the Rockledge High School Band. The band is marching in a parade on Halloween Day for the Rockledge High School Band.



Wanting to perform their exhibition show, the Marching Band receives inspiration from previous band director, Gordon Temple, Jr.



Band members go back in time as they don outfits worn by their parents in the 50's. The students are:
Front: Blair Woodward, Kim Burch, Teresa Lewis
Row 2: Susan Foshay, Jayne Roberts, Mike Dennis
Row 3: Vickie Cartolaro, Eyde Huffman, Eugene Williams
Back: William Kerr, Mike Cartolaro, Ricky Blevins

KEEP FALLING

Wading in the mud, the Fighting Blues' bench watches grimly as the rain drenches their chances for a Homecoming victory.



Raindrops continued to fall throughout autumn, hampering many school activities. The football team was plagued by rainy weather. The practice field was often muddy and the first loss of the season was experienced during a downpour. The weather continued to haunt the Blues as the game against Natural Bridge was rained out. When the Blues eventually journeyed to Natural Bridge, the sky was clear, but the Blues suffered what was termed "the upset of the year".

Although the Blues had suffered two losses, their spirit was not dampened. As time approached for the game against the district leader, Riverheads, enthusiasm grew to its climax. The peak of excitement was reached during the week preceding the game as the cheerleaders planned and led the entire student body in a series of masquerades. The week, called Spirit Week, began with Hat Day, followed by Red Neck Day, 50's Day, Halloween Day, and Blue and White Day. By the time the Blues arrived in Greenville, optimism was at its peak under a clear night sky. However, a cloud of defeat was hovering over the high expectations as the Blues were crushed 27-0. When the season ended, everyone realized that the rainy weather had played a significant role during the football season.

Even though Buena Vista's Band Day was held on a sunny Saturday afternoon, the rainy weather took its toll in that event, also. The annual gathering of bands was expected to be enormously successful as 22 bands signed up to participate. However, with rain falling throughout Virginia, a number of bands were unable to practice and 11 of those bands were forced to cancel their entries.

UNFORGETTABLE

The spirit of the entire school was bolstered by a barrage of unforgettable winter events, beginning with the SCA's after-school Christmas party and sock-hop. This vacation send-off livened the school's Yuletide spirit, while that night the Juniors completed the holiday mood with a Christmas dance featuring "Bagget". Adding to the Christmas spirit, Parry McCluer sports stood out in holiday competition, with both the basketball team and wrestling squad taking tournament trophies.

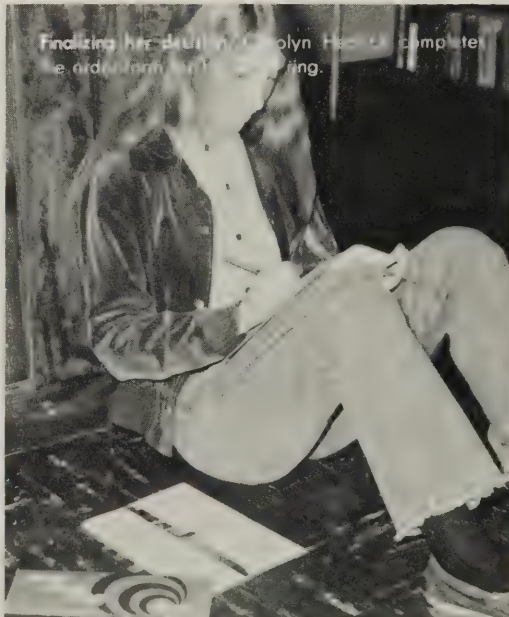
Shortly after returning from vacation, some unusual weather provided a memorable break. An inconspicuous layer of freezing rain fell about 7:00 a.m., spurring numerous freak accidents, and virtually paralyzing the city. An order to close schools finally came, which allowed students to venture out into the midst of the early morning melée.

The Juniors received their class rings on January 30 and the seniors revived a surprisingly good-sounding "Blues Express" to play for the Ring Dance. Topping off a successful Valentine's carnation sale, the cheerleaders sponsored the Sweetheart's Dance, which featured the "Disco Kid" from Richmond. The following weekend, the Juniors sponsored a dance, which would be better off forgotten. Featuring Susan Thompson from WREL, this fiasco was doomed from the start. Around 9:30, someone decided that a better sound was coming from the jukebox at Ted's Restaurant, and eventually everyone wound up there.

To the surprise of almost everyone, snow ended the notable winter moments. A spell of almost summer-like weather was broken when a considerable amount of snow fell on the area. Unfortunately, it did not stick on the roads sufficiently to warrant the closing of city schools, so students were forced to go to school on the only snowy day of the year.



Heading for a victory, Edison Godfrey and Pat Dyer lead the basketball team onto the court at the VMI fieldhouse, known as "The Pit". The team surprised the fans in winning the area Christmas tournament for the first time.



Finalizing her debut, Evelyn Hays completes the order from her first printing.



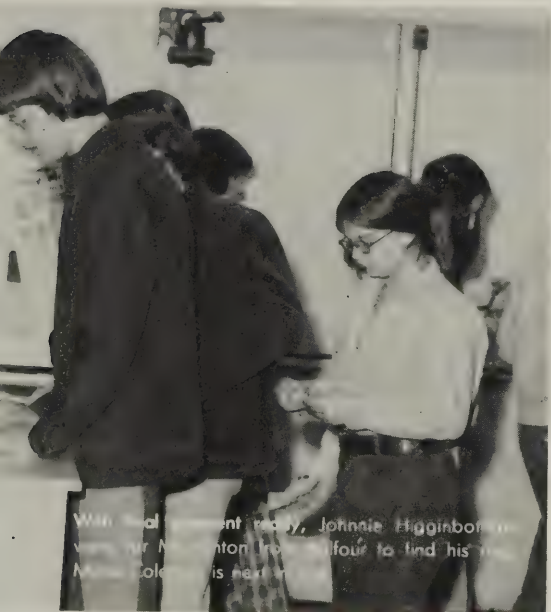
WINTER MOMENTS



Snowy weather makes a holiday for school groups and families in the city. In the snow, the city's windproof buildings and rugged terrain are a sight to behold.



Homework is brushed as a student receives a card from the city. The student's card was a card over 300 in length, and it lived in the city leaders' Valentine's.



With the school's help, Johnnie Higginbotham, a young man from the city, found his way to the city's Valentine's.

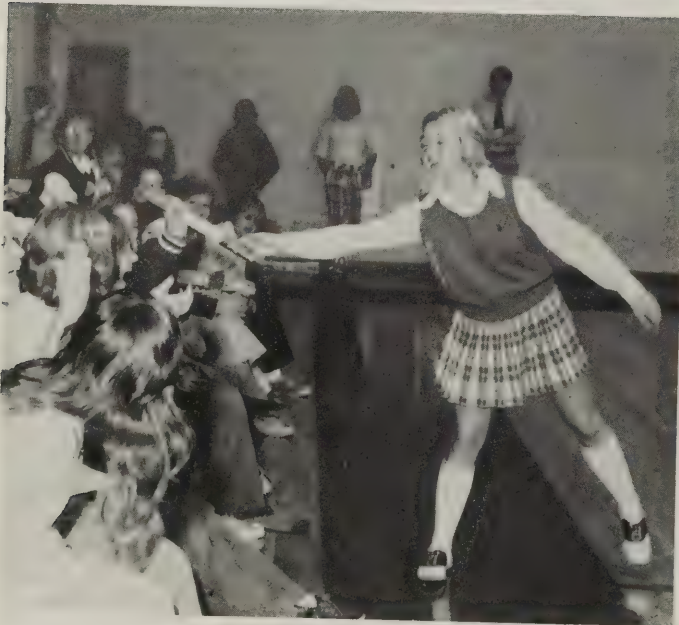


A kiss follows the presentation of Mike Hamilton and his date, Teresa Davis at the Ring Dance. After passing through the arch, the couple took their position in the class figure.

ASSEMBLIES BREAK



Put-down jokes are read by Coach Kerry Camper during the Free Fare concert assembly as members of the band wait for the audience's reaction.

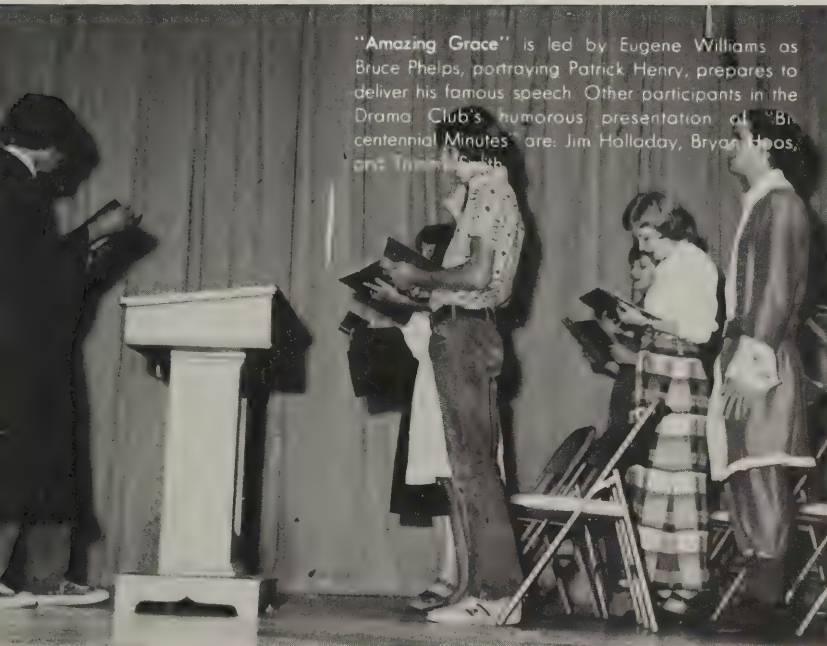


The coveted spirit stick is awarded to the eighth graders by cheerleader Gail Brown at the pep rally preceding the homecoming football game against Bath County.

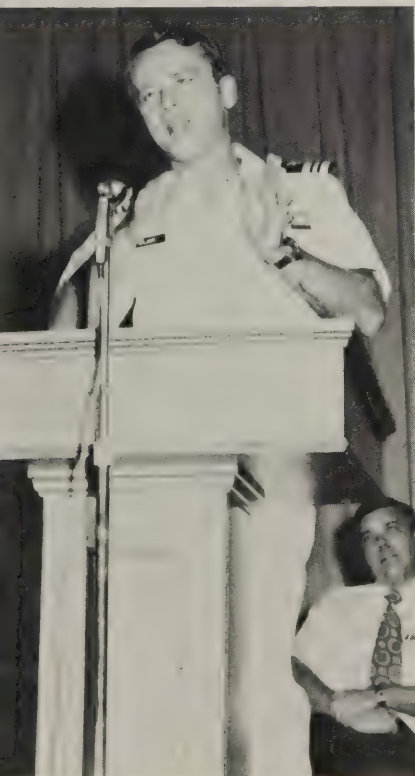


The male student cheerleaders provide entertainment as the female faculty volleyball team recharges during the FBLA March of Dimes game. Members of the team are: Mrs. Pat Dove, Mrs. Dawn Dickinson, Miss Lynne Alvine, and Mrs. Joan Emmer.

DAILY MONOTONY



"Amazing Grace" is led by Eugene Williams as Bruce Phelps, portraying Patrick Henry, prepares to deliver his famous speech. Other participants in the Drama Club's humorous presentation of "Bicentennial Minutes" are: Jim Holladay, Bryan Hoos, and Timmy Smith.



Numerous pep rallies and assemblies spangled the school year with various highlights which broke the monotony of the usual school grind. Aside from the traditional Christmas concert given by the music department, the usual SCA magazine drive kickoff and windup assemblies, the SCA officer installation and NHS tapping assembly, and the year-ending awards assemblies, several new assemblies were scheduled for the student's enjoyment.

A torrid opening day assembly began the year with the SCA and administration welcoming the students back to school and was concluded with a pep rally kicking-off the football season. Throughout the year, the cheerleaders continued to give pep rallies preceding each home game.

The Drama Club gave two assemblies during the year. "Bicentennial Minutes" was a student-written spoof on television's "200 Years Ago Today," which was presented for the Constitution Day assembly. "Trifles," which was of a more serious nature, was placed before the student body before its presentation in district one-act play competition.

Two singing groups performed for the student body, each coming from a different end of the music spectrum. A performance during the Thanksgiving Day assembly by a local church quartet, the "Brethrenaires", entertained those who appreciated good gospel music; but for those who didn't, the traveling rock group, "Free Fare", provided entertainment with a mid-morning rock concert.

Other assemblies included a yearbook sales kickoff assembly, a talk by ex-POW Lt. Commander Paul Gallanti on patriotism, and a female student/faculty volleyball game with the gate receipts going to the March of Dimes.

Vietnam POW, Lt. Commander Paul Gallanti addresses the student body on patriotism with reference to his experience. Coach "Chick" Crawford sits in the background after introducing the speaker who was sponsored by the health and PE department.

APRIL FOOLS

The month of April was filled not with showers, but with surprises. An April Fool's Dance, sponsored by the Sophomore Class, began the string of unusual events as students welcomed a dance with a new theme. The delight over music continued as a rock concert by Free Fare followed, on the next night. The traveling group from Florida entertained the student body in a unique assembly as they startled everyone with their presentation of the modern sound. The auditorium was packed for their performance on Saturday night and the crowd was captivated by a totally new experience.

April weather was as erratic as its events. A heat wave hit in mid-April and summer fever set in, bringing early swimming and subsequent sunburns. The temperatures soared into the 90's and rain seemed a phenomenon of the past.

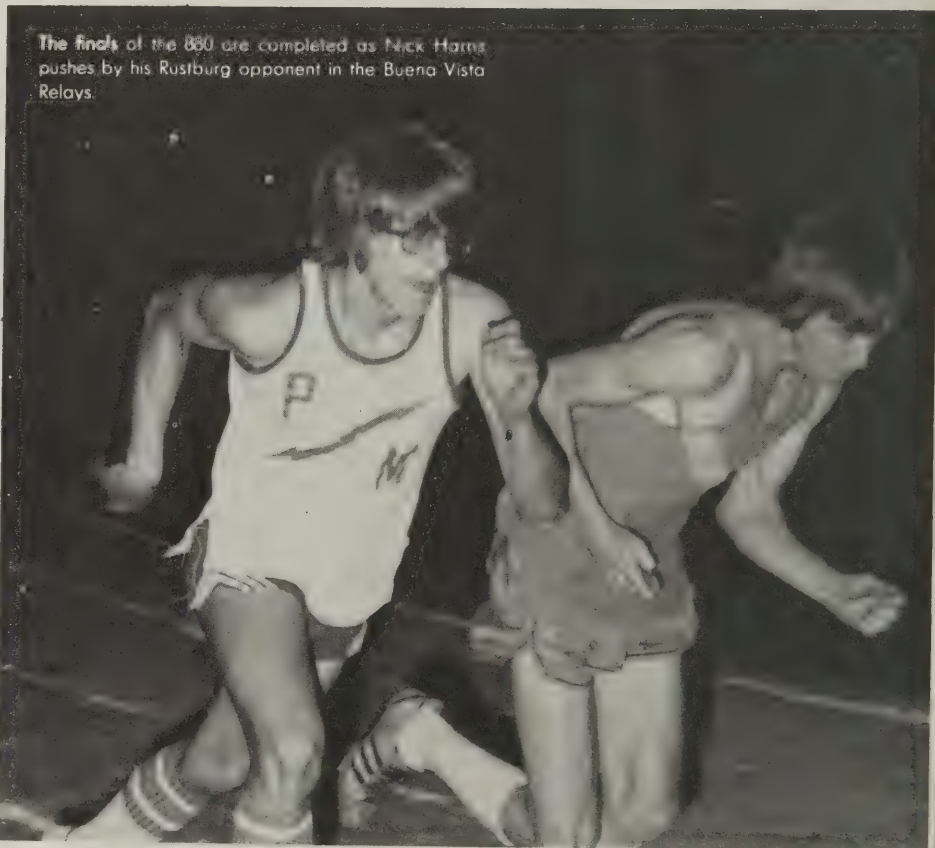
The intense heat was at its peak when the city hosted the 16th annual Buena Vista Relays on April 17. Fourteen teams participated in the event, with Radford High School winning the all-day meet. For Buena Vista, traditionally a "track power," the day did not provide the usual triumph. Suffering from inexperience, the Fighting Blues managed to tally only four points.

Summer had arrived prematurely and everyone thought it had come to stay, as the trees budded and the birds returned from the South. But April fooled Mother Nature and as abruptly as the hot weather had appeared, it vanished. A sudden cold trend set in and winter returned.

Through the weeks of confusing weather, the surrounding woodlands became extremely dry. The National Forest Service considered closing the forests, but settled with prohibiting smoking. As April ended, it brought the most unexpected surprise, as a brisk rain fell and soothed farmers after a long nightmare of drought.



A prolonged drought caused a rash of forest fires in the early spring. A blaze on nearby Elephant Mountain required aircraft for fire fighting.

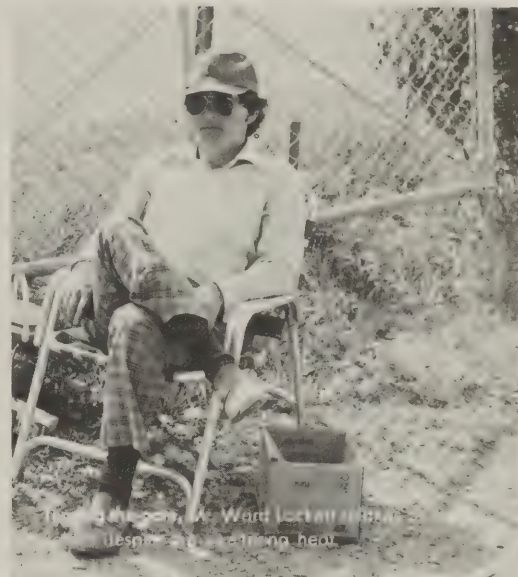


The finals of the 880 are completed as Nick Harris pushes by his Rustburg opponent in the Buena Vista Relays.

MOTHER NATURE



Easter vacation finds Mauri Byers and David Holladay enjoying a pizza at Ted's Restaurant.



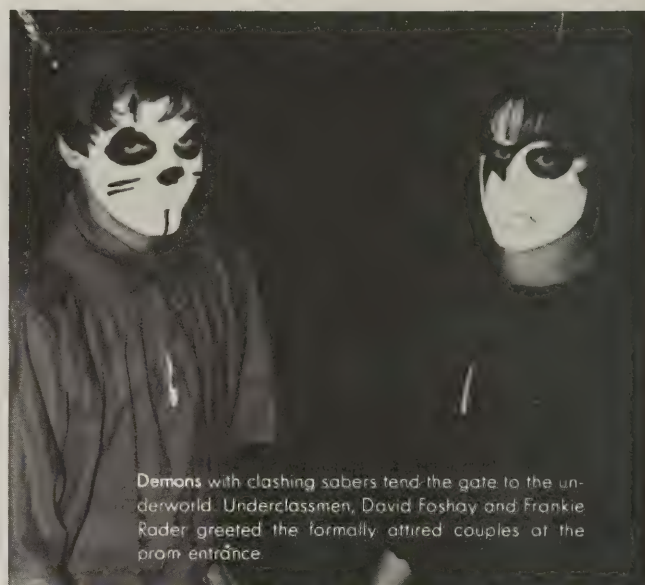
Ward Jackson sits in his chair despite the scorching heat.



The stage crew aids Free Fare in dismantling equipment after their concert, as students flock around the stage to buy posters.

The real clown of Free Fare, Bubba captures the hearts of the student body as he performs an Aerosmith hit.

ONE 'HELL'



Demons with clashing sabers tend the gate to the underworld. Underclassmen, David Foshay and Frankie Rader greeted the formally attired couples at the prom entrance



Top hat and cane, popular tux accessories, make Dean Fox the suave man of fashion as he and his date, Paula Meade, enter the prom.
Destiny, from Roanoke, plays "Fire," the Ohio Players' hit which inspired the prom theme



Kiss, the sensational rock group, provides the proper effect for the night at "Satan's Palace."

OF A TIME

As school opened, the Junior Class faced the annual dilemma of raising prom funds. Several moneymaking projects such as the powder puff football game fell through, but successful car washes and dances raised enough money for the event.

Work began weeks in advance, as murals were painted in the basements of several students' homes and even in the basement of a local church. The invitations, which were printed by the communications department, were not ready on time and caused some anxious moments. But, at last, with the prom in its final week of preparation, invitations were given out and plans were on schedule again.

However, the task of preparing the gym could not begin on Thursday evening since the gymnasium was used for open house that night. Fortunately, on Friday, juniors were excused from classes and were able to work throughout the day. Saturday morning found them finishing their creation and wondering when the rain would stop.

By Saturday night the rain had ended, and all paint-strewn jeans and T-shirts were thrown aside as evening gowns and tuxedos were donned. The traditional soft-spoken themes and pastel colors of past proms had been put aside as bright orange and red welcomed everyone into "Satan's Palace." The fiery surroundings, a coffin centerpiece, and the masked demons at the entrance had transformed the gymnasium into Hades. The mood of inferno was completed by a band from Roanoke, called Destiny.

After a long evening of dancing and after-prom partying, juniors spent Sunday sleeping, returning tuxedos, and restoring the gymnasium to normal.

Spectators crowd along 24th Street, as they watch students arrive at the prom. The annual ritual finds curious people of all ages vicariously enjoying the thrill of the event.

Bright Halloween colors created an atmosphere unlike the delicate mood of past proms. Ironically, Susie Hawes and Teresa Moran use the basement of a local church for preparation of the walls for "Satan's Palace."



WRAPPING



Opening night of "Forty Carats" draws a large crowd of students and faculty. Jane Radick and Rob Fabrizio play leading roles in the production.



Collages summarizing the year were displayed at Open House. Stephan Moore examines one of the English projects as Dean Fox glances at others.



An outhouse dominates the float representing Tennessee in W&L's Mock Convention Parade held in Lexington. The W&L students riding the floats and lining the streets went wild as the Marching Blues played the "W&L Swing."

Southern Sem tennis courts provide spring recreation for Sheba Lawhorne. Swimming, playing tennis, and bike riding were popular afternoon activities in the spring.



IT UP

A sense of finality overwhelms senior cheerleaders Jay Henson, Gail Brown, and Debbie Floyd as they watch the last football halftime show of the year.



In late April, a chain of events began to wrap up the Bicentennial year, as the school proudly displayed its achievements in countless ways.

A "Show-Off" Open House brought parents and students into the school for an evening of viewing projects, art exhibits, and other accomplishments of the year. The Drama Club wound up its year with a dynamic two-night performance of "Forty Carats" while the band proved itself the "People's Choice", bringing home top honors in the W&L Mock Convention Parade and in the Harrisonburg Poultry Festival Parade. Individual achievement was publicly recognized at the Awards Assembly, the Athletic Banquet, the Band Banquet, and other organizational socials.

Seniors prepared for the end, as they took cap and gown pictures, addressed announcements, and enjoyed Senior Day activities. Senior Day began with a student body assembly which included put-down jokes, humorous commercials, and an Academy Awards take-off featuring seniors as the target personalities. After the remaining morning classes, the seniors were dismissed and flocked to Glen Maury Park for an afternoon of recreation and a picnic dinner.

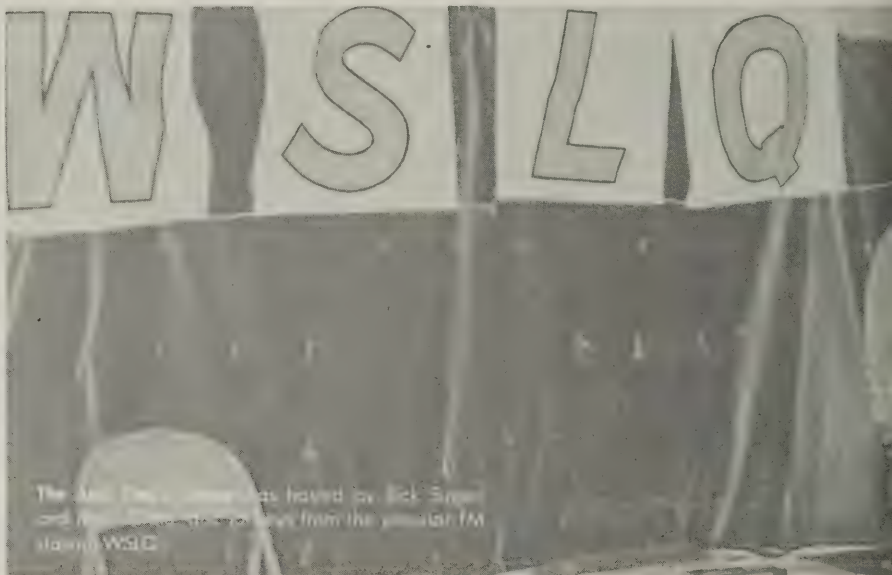
As the end drew nearer, tryouts for cheerleading and for color guard occupied the minds of underclassmen, while seniors began to realize the curtain was falling.

A three-day exam period finished out the academic year. For seniors with a B-or-above average, exam exemption was a welcome privilege. Instead of suffering through an exam, the lucky senior could sunbathe, play tennis, or just relax until the big day, June 3rd. Suddenly, the package was wrapped up and sealed. The final moments were completed with graduation exercises and the senior was abruptly transformed into a graduate.

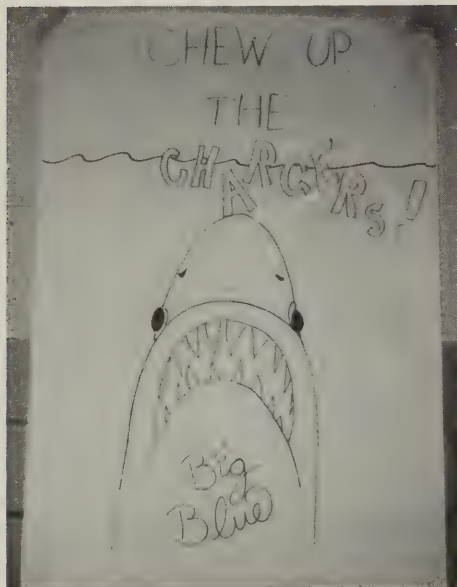
A MERRY-GO-ROUND



Miss PMHS contestant Lindsey Floyd in vogue, with her nautical style and pants outfit.



The band The... was played by Dick Smith and... from the junior FM station WSLQ.



Homecoming posters included the eye-catching illustration from the movie *Jaws*.

Displaying favorites, printed T-shirts were the perfect match for jeans. Joy Henson, Vickie Cartolaro, and Renée Stinnett make their preferences evident in their attire.



OF FASHION & OPINION



as they were
and female students.

Countless fads, both short-lived and lasting, caught students in a merry-go-round of fashion. While almost any attire thinkable was in style, below-the-knee was the popular length for skirts and straight-legged Levi's were a must for everyone's wardrobe, male and female alike. T-shirts which displayed favorite movies, rock groups, and almost anything else imaginable also captivated the students throughout the year. Contrasting the continuing fads of T-shirts and Levi's, the craze of mood rings and the rage over frizzy hair were extremely short-lived.

Students were constantly heard discussing music, movies, and TV shows. A survey given to the seniors showed what ranked tops in these categories. The music of the Eagles captured the spirit of the students and radio station WSLQ presented it in the best way. Terror movies continued to enthrall the majority as a string of disasters hit the nation on film. Sharks became a common topic of conversation when the movie "Jaws" came into the area, and "The Fonz" was everyone's idol!

When the conversation turned from films to real life, the people discussed were Patty Hearst and Karen Quinlan. The senior poll convicted Patty as a "rich brat who fell into a trap set by her own stupidity" with only a few students thinking she had actually been "brainwashed."

Even though the students gave little sympathy to Miss Hearst, the majority ironically felt deep compassion for Karen Quinlan and her family. They thought that she should be allowed to "die in dignity" and that the doctors were "assuming God's role" by keeping her alive.

With no disagreement on apparel and limited disagreement on current events, the student body rode together on the carousel of adolescent life as they shared similar ideas and whims.

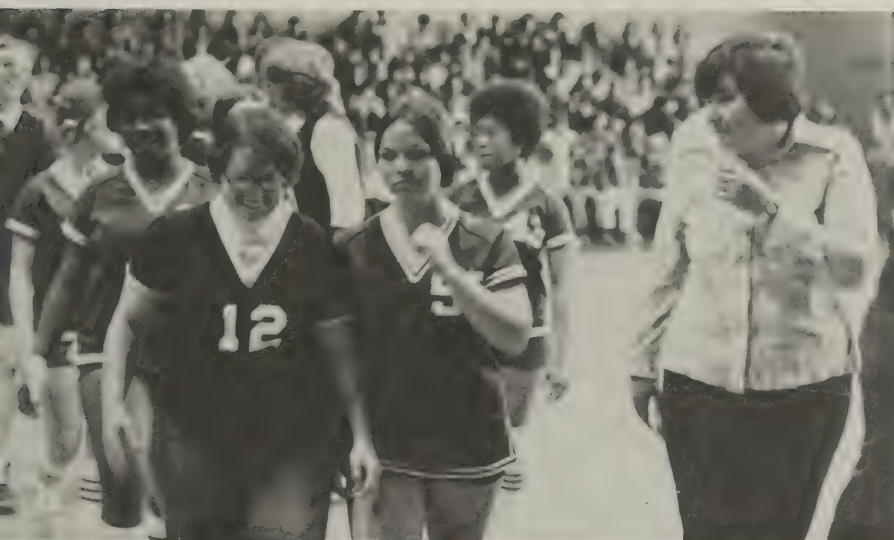
The focal point of news broadcasts for months, Patty Hearst was found guilty of bank robbery to the surprise of many students.

We've got spirit in our



Victory appears eminent as tackle Terry Fox (right) celebrates with back John White after a successful play. John White (left) is the captain of the Fighting Blues, which the Fighting Blues topped the Rockbridge Rebels 15-0.

COMPETITION



Underclassmen dominated the ranks of all athletic teams. Striking examples were the basketball team with only two seniors and the track team with only one senior member. However, inexperience did not hinder the spirited teams as the sports program remained the focal point of all activities in the school and city.

In the fall, the football team began the athletic year. Drawing large crowds, the team overcame its youthfulness, and ended with a respectable 7-3 record. Girls' athletics continued to grow with a record turnout for girls' basketball.

Winter brought the year's only championships. The wrestling team captured the W&L tournament trophy during the Christmas holidays. The basketball team also added to the holiday spirit by winning the area Christmas tournament.

Spring athletics brought several changes to the traditional program. Because of conflicting baseball and track schedules, the baseball team played its games on the field behind the school, rather than at the municipal field as in the past.

The young baseball and track teams did not have the experience needed to capture championships, but perpetual shifting gave versatility to the members. Also plagued by inexperience, the girls' track team, in its second year, consisted of all underclassmen.

While inexperience played an important role in competition throughout the year, the spirit and enthusiasm with which the teams faced their inadequacies was the determining factor.

The charity game played for the March of Dimes left the Lady Blues Volleyball Team victorious over the Lady Faculty Team. Rita Carter, Coach Mary Moore, Kim Chittum, and Miss Cindy Reid lead the teams to the locker room.

Ecstatic coaches, Dave Ellison and Marshall Hamilton cheer against AA foe Brookville. The wrestling team crushed the Bees 30-23.

The last heat of 100-yard dash is run by Jane Cash, Sherri Figgers, and Lil McClung at the track meet against Lexington, one early season loss.

Small potatoes,

Even before school began, the football team was hard at work in the blistering sun. It was obvious that they were young, small, and inexperienced. However, enthusiasm was so great that there was still hope of retaining the Allegheny Highlands District Crown.

Football found its way even into the traditional opening day assembly, which is actually meant to welcome the students back to "schoolwork". As the football coach, Mr. Williams, spoke to the student body, he quoted the principal, Mr. Leadbetter, in summing up the team as "small potatoes, but hard to peel".

This statement seemed to proving true as halfway through the season the football team stood undefeated. Many mistakes had been made, and penalties had been numerous, but the team had always come out on top.

There had been mud and injuries during these first games, but still the Fighting Blues had pulled through. For four straight weeks, bad weather accompanied Friday night football. Sophomore, Robbie Douglas, whom everyone depended upon as offensive leader, was injured and team morale seemed dampened. Still tied for first place in the district, Parry McCluer met Bath County during a downpour. The fans stood soaking, as they watched the Blues be overcome by a strong Charger team.

The rain kept falling, and proved to be a factor in several other games as well. Unfortunately, as Coach Williams stated, that factor was against the Blues, as small teams seem to be at a disadvantage on a wet field.

During defensive action, fullback Jay Austin, and halfback Robbie Douglas, take a breather. Both players saw a great deal of action in this victorious first game against Rockbridge.

After scoring a touchdown, B.B. Manuel is congratulated by Danny Ramsey and another player. Despite the cold, rainy weather, this final game of the season against William Monroe was highlighted by victory, easing the disappointment of the crushing loss to Riverheads the week before.



but hard to peel



Wins	
Parry McCluer.....	15
Parry McCluer.....	27
Parry McCluer.....	27
Parry McCluer.....	12
Parry McCluer.....	27
Parry McCluer.....	0
Parry McCluer.....	7
Parry McCluer.....	21
Parry McCluer.....	0
Parry McCluer.....	21

Losses	
Rockbridge.....	0
Wilson Memorial.....	6
Fort Defiance.....	6
Stuarts Draft.....	0
Buffalo Gap.....	7
Bath County.....	13
Natural Bridge.....	12
James River.....	12
Riverheads.....	27
William Monroe.....	12

Although underdogs in this early season meeting, Parry McCluer chalks up its second victory. Richie Fields knocks away a pass intended for this Wilson Memorial Hornet.

Expectations

Ready for the second half, Jay Austin, Greg Wheeler, and Barry Staton lead the team back onto the field. The second half proved even more dynamic than the first, as the Blues overcame strongly favored Rockbridge in their debut.



Front: Dennis Gilbert, Jay Austin, Roger Whiteside, Sidney Smith, Barry Staton, John Dyer, Keith Staton, Timmy Lynn, Robbie Douglas, David Ramsey (mgr.), **2nd Row:** Carl Lewis, Richard Kennedy, Brian Hoepfner, Stephan Moore, Hans Mohler, Marty Carter, Dean Fox, Danny Campbell, Alan Burch, Landon Camper, **3rd Row:** Mike Coleman, Lee Decker, Danny Ramsey, Greg Wheeler, Steve Slagle, Dennis Sandidge, Greg O'Connell, Carson Irvine, David Sandidge, Mike Wheeler, **4th Row:** Nick Harris, Chris Irvine, Richie Fields, B.B. Manuel, Rob Fabrizio, Mickey Branch, Ricky Fox, Carson Gibson, Roy Patterson, David Slough. **Back:** Coach Bob Williams, Coach Mike Sams, Coach Dave Ellison

Shattered



Another rainy Friday came, and the Natural Bridge-Parry McCluer game had to be postponed. However, when the Blues started toward Natural Bridge on Monday night, they were extremely confident. The Rockets weren't having a very successful season, but that night their luck changed. Arch-rivals always seem to fight hardest against each other, and this proved destructive as the Rockets overcame the Fighting Blues' confidence.

Stunned by this loss, the team was even more determined to "come back" against James River. Robbie Douglas was back for the first time since his injury and spirits were high. Determination ruled and the Fighting Blues returned to the victory trail.

Although they had lost the chance to retain the district crown, there was still something which had to be proven. The players knew that they were a championship team and they faced the remaining two games with determination and enthusiasm.

However, in the next game Riverheads proved too big and too strong to be overcome by even an extremely determined team.

Not ready to give in, the Blues played their best game of the season against William Monroe in their final match.

Although the Blues did not rank as number one in district play, their chance may come next year, as only four seniors leave the squad.

Both offensive and defensive play looked promising in this shocking upset over the Hornets. Jay Austin, who played both offensive and defensive positions, tackles a Wilson Memorial ball-carrier

EVENLY DIVIDED

The success of the '74 Lady Blues in district competition apparently spurred interest in girls' basketball as a record turnout of thirty girls occurred. However, on the varsity squad there were only two returning lettermen, both of whom proved to be tremendous players. Leatrice Martin played at the center spot and was counted on heavily for rebounding. However, she was hampered most of the year by an early season knee injury, which had a significant effect on most of the teams' games. The other returning letterman was guard Janice Carter, who carried the brunt of the Lady Blues' scoring punch. Janice maintained a season average of 23.6 points per game and rounded out her high school career with a final total of 1307 points in 55 games. The rest of the varsity squad consisted of seven promoted j.v. ball players and seven newcomers.

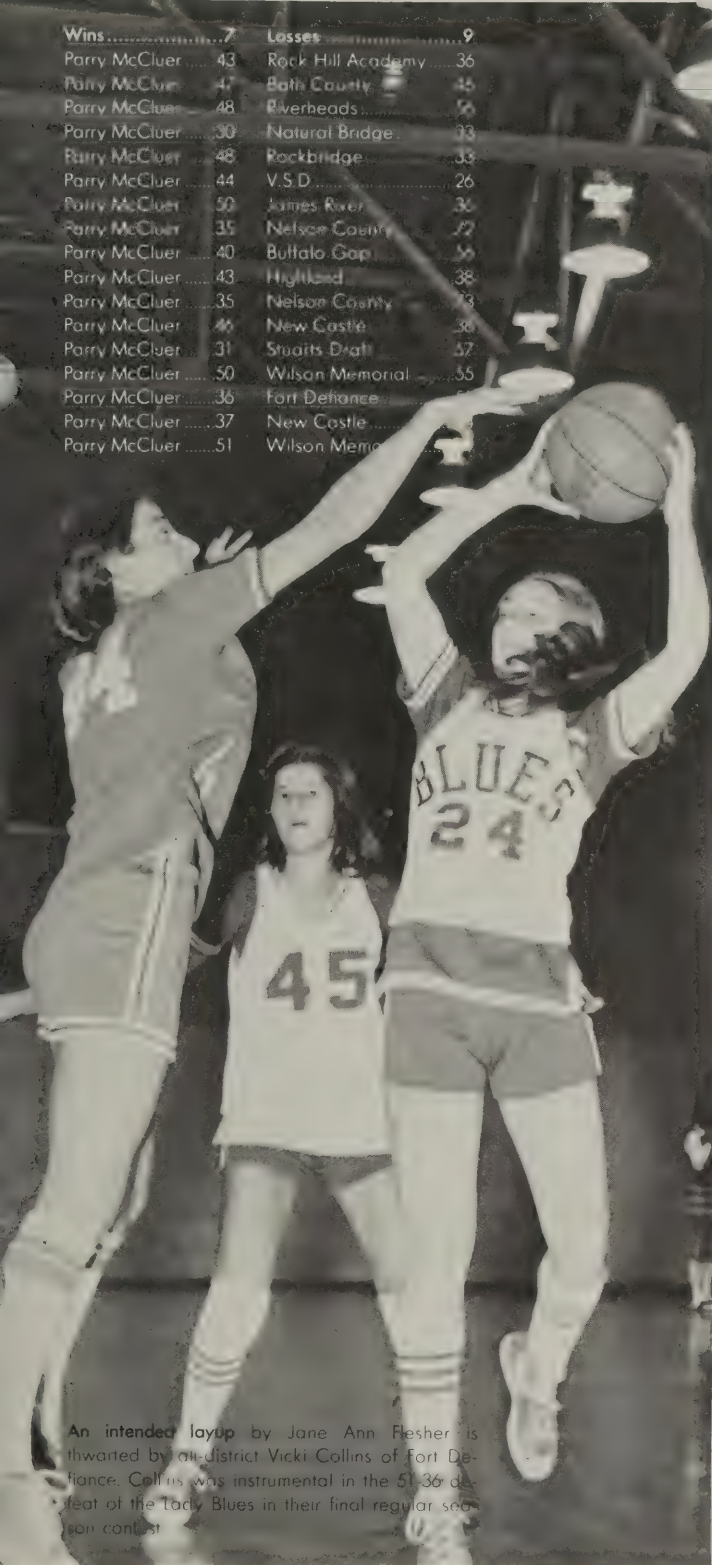
With girls' athletics in the Allegheny Highlands district gaining momentum, the level of competition was much improved. A scrimmage victory over Rock Hill Academy prepared the Lady Blues to plunge into an exceedingly tough schedule. In their first seasonal game, the Lady Blues squeaked past the Bath County Chargers by one point. From there, the win-loss chart sporadically jumped up and down like a see-saw, with the Lady Blues stringing no more than two or three wins or losses in a row. The team ended its season in the second round of the district tournament with a major loss to Wilson Memorial. Ending with an even 6-6 district record and a slightly lopsided 7-9 overall record, the team felt fairly satisfied with their season.

A smooth jumper is made by Robbin Henson over a Fort Defiance defender as Sandra Carter eyes the shot. The Indians remained undefeated as they scalped the Lady Blues 51-36.



DISTRICT DOZEN

Wins.....7	Losses.....9
Parry McCluer.....43	Rock Hill Academy.....36
Parry McCluer.....47	Beth County.....45
Parry McCluer.....48	Riverheads.....56
Parry McCluer.....30	Natural Bridge.....33
Parry McCluer.....48	Rockbridge.....33
Parry McCluer.....44	V.S.D.....26
Parry McCluer.....50	James River.....36
Parry McCluer.....35	Nelson County.....27
Parry McCluer.....40	Buffalo Gap.....36
Parry McCluer.....43	Highland.....38
Parry McCluer.....35	Nelson County.....33
Parry McCluer.....46	New Castle.....38
Parry McCluer.....31	Staats Draft.....37
Parry McCluer.....50	Wilson Memorial.....35
Parry McCluer.....36	Fort Defiance.....36
Parry McCluer.....37	New Castle.....38
Parry McCluer.....51	Wilson Memorial.....35



An intended layup by Jane Ann Flesher is thwarted by all-district Vicki Collins of Fort Defiance. Collins was instrumental in the 51-36 defeat of the Lady Blues in their final regular season contest.



A initial meeting called by Coach Lynn Arnold to talk over some changes with Leatrice Martin, Jane Ann Flesher, Janice Carter, Trevonnie Fitzgerald, Robin Morgan, Sandra Carter, and Jan Carter. This pre-season scrimmage victory against Rock Hill Academy prepared the Blues for their demanding schedule. The final buzzer was 41-31.



A round tournament play against the Lady Cardinals gave a hint of what was to come. The Lady Blues' tournament play was a success as they enjoyed a 30-28 victory.

Bench Power

Junior Varsity football is finally gaining its due recognition at Parry McCluer. Apparently, the sudden emergence of winning teams has been responsible for much of that boost into the limelight. Indeed, the 1975 team was a winning one.

Coach Kerry Camper attributed the success of the team to several factors. The season which started in August drew forty prospective players, a very unusual turnout for a J.V. sport. This large turnout gave the team much 'depth. Whenever a starting player' was absent or injured, another player was always ready to fill in. The team was also well-balanced. While only a few players could be termed outstanding, every player made a significant contribution to the team.

As the season progressed, large crowds began to gather at municipal field to watch the Baby Blues as they continued their winning streak. Then, James River was able to tie the Blues. However, the outcome of the game was later changed, when six James River players were ruled over-age.

The squad had been able to overcome all rivals, until it reached its last game. In that game against Riverheads, the extremely confident Blues were plagued with penalties and strategy breakdowns. A perfect record was gone as the Gladiators defeated the Blues 12-0. But with only one loss, the team could be described as 99% pure champions as they had experienced success.

While the many Freshmen on the team will add much to next year's varsity team, the twenty-two returning eighth graders have great potential, for the 1976 J.V. team.

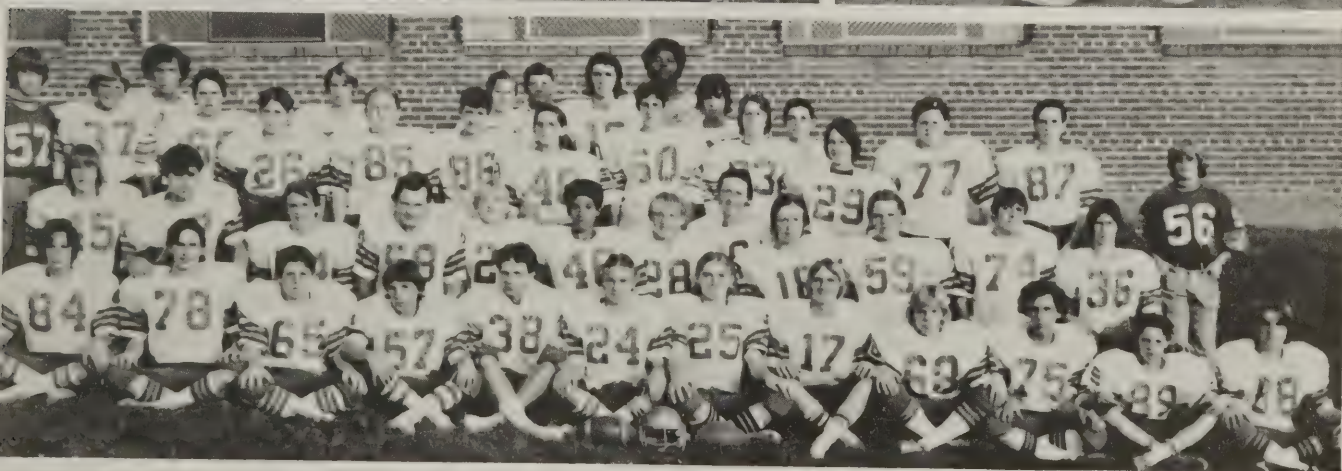
Carrying the ball against Wilson Memorial, Timmy Stinnett finds himself surrounded by enemy players. Outstanding play in this game gave the Baby Blues their second win, 28-6.

Preparing for the Riverheads game, Eric Staton and Kevin Thompson relax as they contemplate the "big" game. Unfortunately, the Blues were defeated 12-0 in their only loss of the season



Wins	Losses
Parry McCluer 24	Wilson Memorial 7
Parry McCluer 21	Wilson Memorial 5
Parry McCluer 15	Fort Belknap 12
Parry McCluer 6	James River 5
Parry McCluer 6	Natural Bridge 11
Parry McCluer 32	Lexington 6
Parry McCluer 19	Rockbridge 6
Parry McCluer 0	Riverheads 12

Creates Champs



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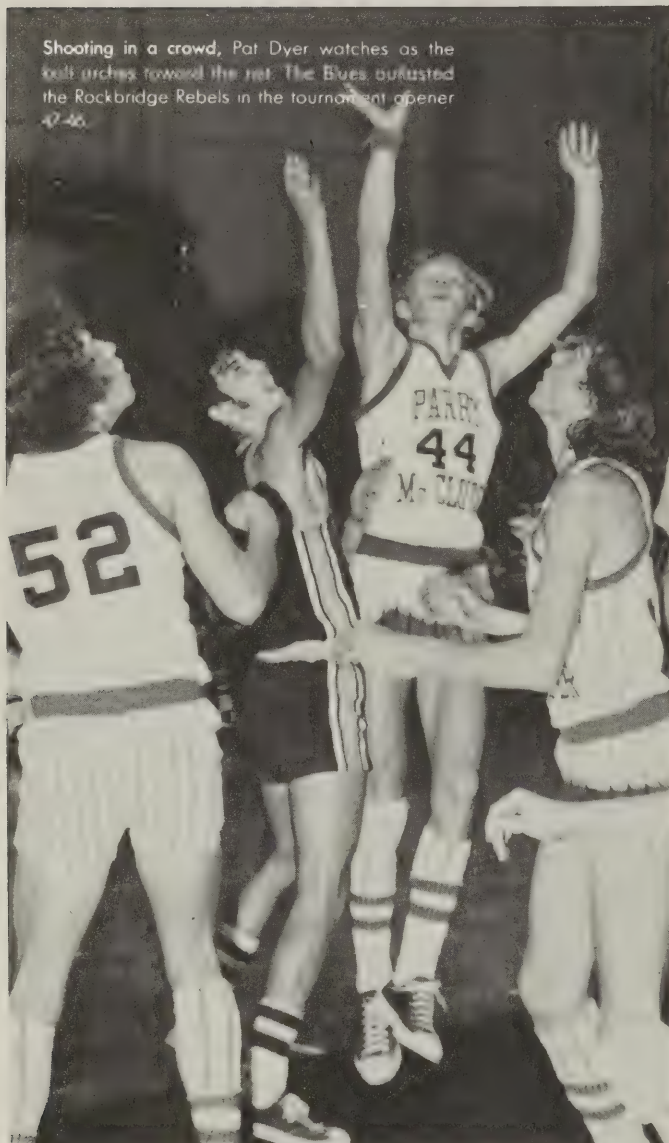
The j.v. cagers season could most accurately be termed a building year. After pre-season placements had been completed, Alice Nowlin, j.v. team captain, was the only team member left with any previous experience. But, even her talents proved to be more valuable to the varsity squad, as she was promoted to the varsity ranks after the fourth game of the season. What was left behind was a totally inexperienced squad, which throughout the entire season could not put more than eighteen markers on the scoreboard. As the players themselves bluntly put it, "We were just afraid to shoot." But, all in all, their 2-9 final record doesn't quite tell the whole story. At the start of the year, the whole team was characterized by shaky and un-unified play. However, about mid-season there was an overall pickup in team spirit and co-operation. The most promising, individual improvements came near the end of the season, especially during the last three games. The most outstanding performances came during the comeback win over Nelson county and during an eight-point loss against a tough Wilson Memorial team.

With the type of offense the j.v. squad was playing, a good defense was necessary to keep most of the game close. A very aggressive Terry Vest, playing at the center spot, was a defensive menace. She had a knack for going after the ball, even if it meant wrestling on the floor for it. Another threat was guard Terrie McDaniel, who could play some rather sticky defense, but was better known for her sure shooting from outside the ten-foot range. Both of these girls traveled with the varsity squad during tournament play.

After executing a successful pick, Jefflyn Parker watches as a sure shot from Terrie McDaniel rips the net. The j.v. cagers lost this last regular season game to Fort Defiance 32-17

YULE SEASON

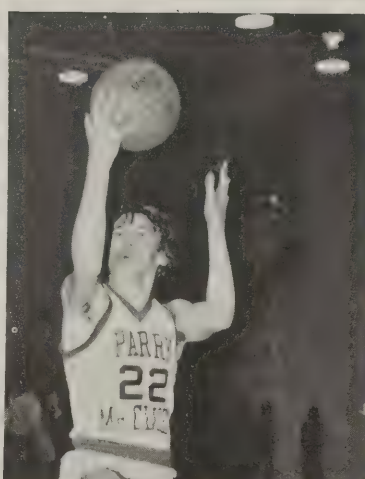
Shooting in a crowd, Pat Dyer watches as the ball arches toward the net. The Blues outlasted the Rockbridge Rebels in the tournament opener 47-46.



All-district player Boodle Montgomery puts the perfect spin on the ball to arc it over two Rockbridge defenders. His strenuous play was to no avail as the Blues were downed 32-31.



BRINGS CHEER



The biggest disadvantage that the basketball squad suffered was a bench filled with young, inexperienced players. The roster contained two sophomores, nine juniors, and only two seniors. However, by the time the season was in full swing, Coach "Chick" Crawford had developed an effective basketball team. He instilled a winning pride in the team and gave them the discipline needed for a defensively oriented ball club. How well or how badly the team played defense was the determining factor in every game. Six times the enemy was held to less than 50 points, and all were wins for the Blues. Six other times the enemy was allowed more than 60 points, and all were losses for the Blues. In fact, the defense was so stingy that six times the Blues won games in which they scored less than 60 points.

Without a doubt, the Blues were the most defensively-minded team in the area. This asset was instrumental in winning the Rockbridge Holiday Tournament held at VMI. Having lost to both Rockbridge and Lexington prior to the tourney, the Blues proved to be the "Cinderella team". Beating Rockbridge soundly and proceeding to polish off Lexington gave the Blues the championship trophy for the first time and provided them with the highlight of their season.

Although they dropped many close games, which played havoc with the final standings, the team wrapped up the season with a respectable 12-10 record and gave the fans much exciting action.

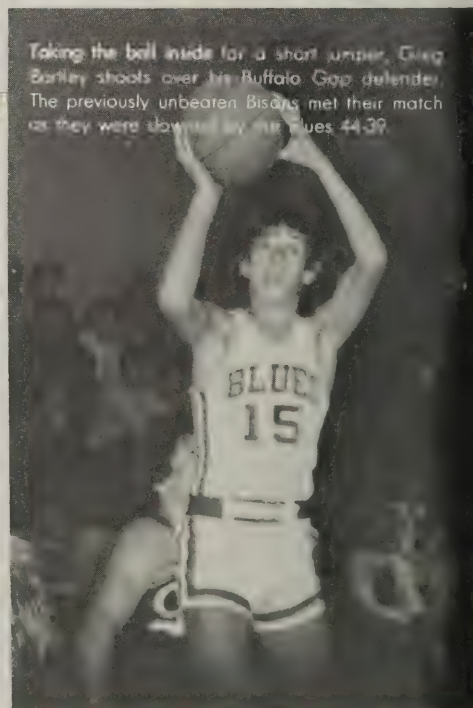
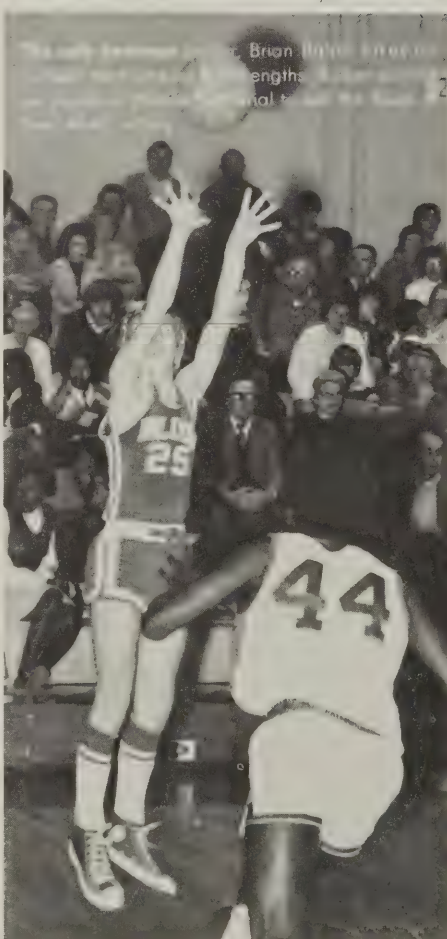
The team was proud to have three all-district players among its ranks. Boodle Montgomery was given first team honors, while Pat Dyer and B.B. Manuel were selected for the second team.

In a late season upset against Buffalo Gap, B.B. Manuel follows up a fast break with an underhanded layup. The Blues manhandled the Bisons 54-41. Displaying his quickness, Mike Cartolaro tries to watch his shot as a Stuarts Draft player pushes him aside. The Blues slipped by the Cougars 53-52.

Halftime

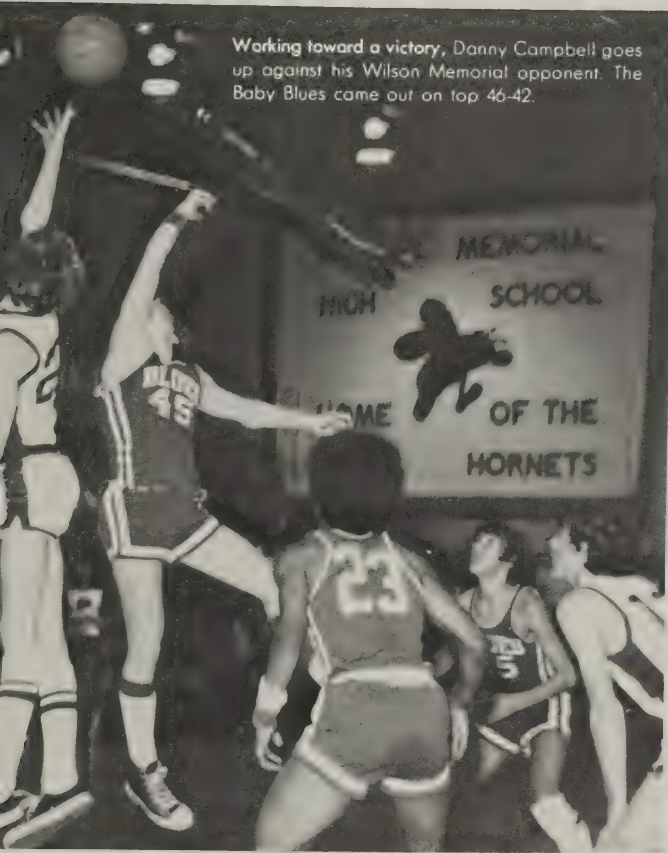
The j.v. basketball team finished its season posting a slightly loss-heavy 8-10 record. The entire year was characterized by erratic play. Inconsistency was the name of the game as the squad dropped four of its first five games, although it had substantial half-time leads. Even though the team never did really settle down, there were times when the Baby Blues appeared to have championship makings. Most impressive was a strong come-back victory against a tough Natural Bridge team. After tying the score in the last remaining seconds of the fourth period, the team went on to secure a 55-51 victory in overtime. However, the season topper would have to be the Baby Blues' 44-39 victory over Buffalo Gap. The Bisons suffered their only defeat of the year at Parry McCluer, as they made their way toward the district championship.

Under the strong leadership of Coach Jerry "Bo" Tutt, the squad fluctuated between first and second place in the district most of the season. However, a season-ending nose dive killed any chance of a play-off berth. Three players were notable throughout the season, and accompanied the varsity squad during tournament action. The lane leader, playing at the center spot, was Rob Fabrizio, who was vital to both defense and offense in controlling the boards. He was a dominating rebounder and at times displayed good inside moves. David Smith proved to have good hands, quickness, and an outstanding leaping ability. The floor leader Greg Bartley had a nice soft touch from outside and was an excellent ball handler.



Taking the ball inside for a short jumper, Greg Bartley shoots over his Buffalo Gap defender. The previously unbeaten Bisons met their match as they were downed by the Blues 44-39.

leads dwindle



Working toward a victory, Danny Campbell goes up against his Wilson Memorial opponent. The Baby Blues came out on top 46-42.



On a fast break, Danny Campbell goes up for a 10-foot jump shot. After a successful half-time session, the Baby Blues had a strong comeback for a 57-52 victory.



Working a play, Danny Campbell drives around a James River player. The Little Blues dropped a tough game 51-49.



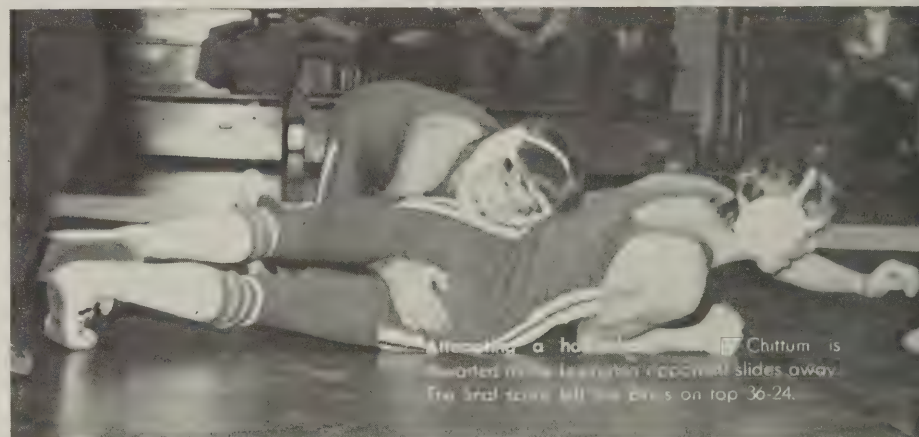
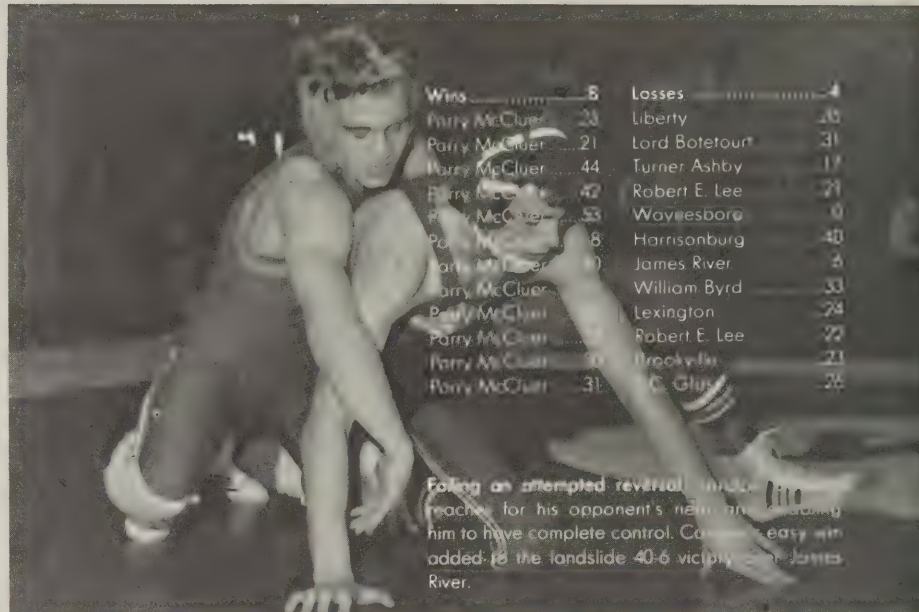
Regional champs

Although the grapplers got off to a slow start, they ended the season with their best record in four years of wrestling competition, accumulating 8 wins and only 4 losses. The grapplers dropped their first two season matches to Liberty and Lord Botetourt, but soon settled down with three devastating victories over AA schools. However, they fell into a mid-season slump and lost two matches against Harrisonburg and William Byrd. But, Coach Ellison, assisted by Marshall Hamilton, snapped the team back into winning form, as they won their last four matches. The last two wins were most impressive as both were close, hard-fought matches against Brookville and E.C. Glass. Brookville became the AA state champions and E.C. Glass, in AAA competition, placed second in their region.

In tournament action, the team mirrored the previous year's record. In the W&L Invitational Tournament, the Blues outscored seven AA schools and one other A school to take first place for the second straight year. In the regional and state tournaments, they repeated their previous standings of second and third, respectively. A scoring error awarded the regional championship to the Blues. However, after two missing points were located the trophy was rightfully awarded to Strasburg who edged the Blues 146-144½. Nevertheless, all twelve of the team members qualified for state competition. Parry McCluer made a strong bid in the state competition by securing third place with 90 points compared to Strasburg's 93 points and Brentsville's 98½ points.

Several individual team members had outstanding seasons. Senior Timmy Beverly was named most valuable wrestler in the W&L tournament and captured first place in state competition. Mich Hoeppepner also took a first place in the state tournament.

A preliminary squad composed of eighth graders compiled an impressive 10-2 record as they learned basic techniques of the sport.



(for a little while)

A painful dip to the shoulder broke Timmy Dunne Ramsey's opponent's hopes, giving Ramsey the advantage. This match was crucial to the final outcome as the Blues crawled by Brookville 30-23.



Wearing his opponent down, Timmy Beverly struggles toward defeating Shaferkoetter of Brookville, who had not been defeated in two seasons. The Blues tanked out on top 30-23.



In a preliminary match, Rock Martin gains valuable experience for varsity wrestling. This match added another victory to the preliminary squad's 12-2 record.



Longest schedule

The varsity volleyball team completed its year with a meager 4-5 win-loss record. Two crucial back-to-back losses to James River, followed by a major loss to Natural Bridge finale-ed the season. Both matches with Clifton Forge proved to be cliff-hangers, being the only two during the whole season to go into a third game tie-breaker. The j.v. squad did not fare quite as well in competition as it compiled a rather dismal one win and six losses. But, with Coach Mary Moore just in her first year at Parry McCluer, there is nowhere for the j.v. squad to go but up, and actually both of the Lady Blues' volleyball squads should prove rather impressive in years to follow.

Team leadership in the varsity ranks was provided by captain Rita Carter and co-captain Rebecca Lyle. A surprising player was Kim Chittum, who had a knack for placing the ball across the net just out of the reach of opposing teammates. Another outstanding player was Leatrice Martin, who utilized her height for spiking, which made her devastating on the front line. The j.v. squad was led by Terrie McDaniel and Beth Rivers.

Even though the overall records of both squads do not appear too impressive in writing, there is actually no statistical means of recording the true significance of the entire season. The girls' athletic program continued to grow as the schedule was the longest in the four-year history of volleyball.

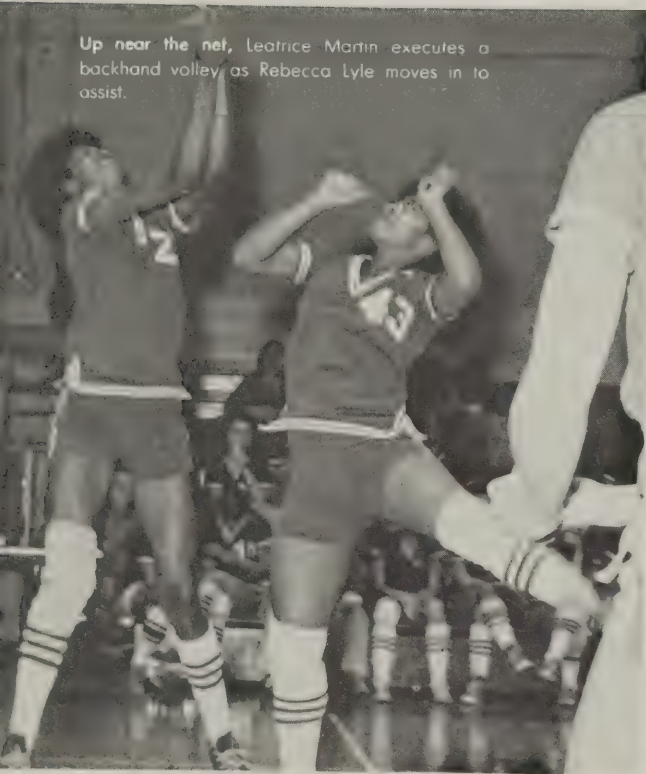
The team ended its season's activities by playing a charity match against the female faculty members. The proceeds from the FBLA-backed project went to the March of Dimes.



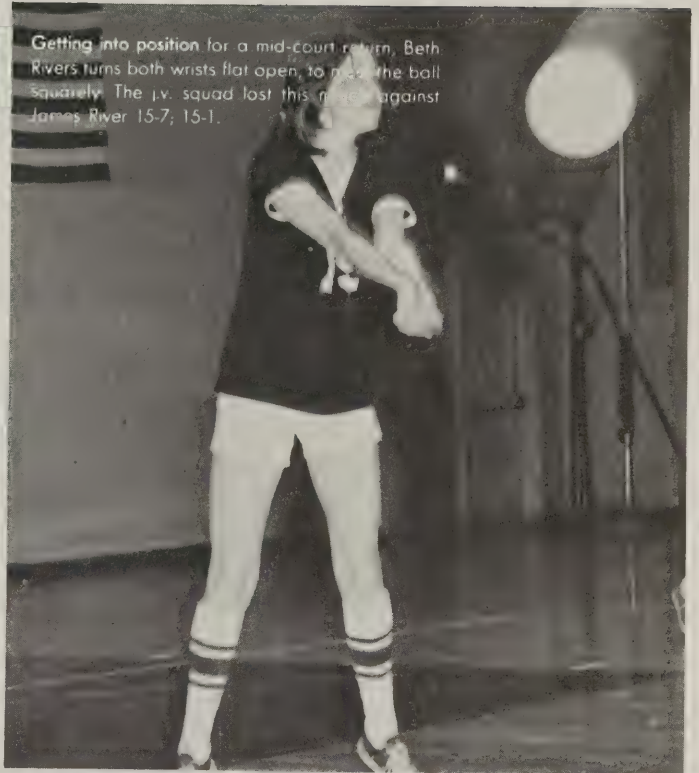
Standing in deep concentration, Rita Carter awaits the serve which will begin the next volley. The Lady Blues went on to win this match against Covington 15-10; 15-13.

in 4 years

Up near the net, Leatrice Martin executes a backhand volley, as Rebecca Lyle moves in to assist.



Getting into position for a mid-court return, Beth Rivers turns both wrists flat open, to rise the ball squarely. The j.v. squad lost this match against James River 15-7; 15-1.



After a tough match, Mary Lou Ford, and her teammates shake hands with their opponents.



Side bets spur



Displaying fourth place district medalist trophy, Mitch Hoepfner poses on the Lower Course after putting in a record-breaking round of 84.



improvement



The golf team, even though boasting the most experienced team in the school's history, began its season in a rather dismal manner. Under the leadership of Mr. Ward Lockett, the team had no formal coaching. Most practices were no more than a casual nine holes, with an occasional small side bet in each foursome providing pressure for improvement.

The first match of the year was with the previous district and regional champs, Fort Defiance, at Ingleside. The two Hoepner brothers, Mitch and Brian, turned in two respectable scores in the 80's, but the match fell to Fort when Clyde Martin and Eugene Williams came in with a pair of 99's, while the rest of the team broke into triple figures.

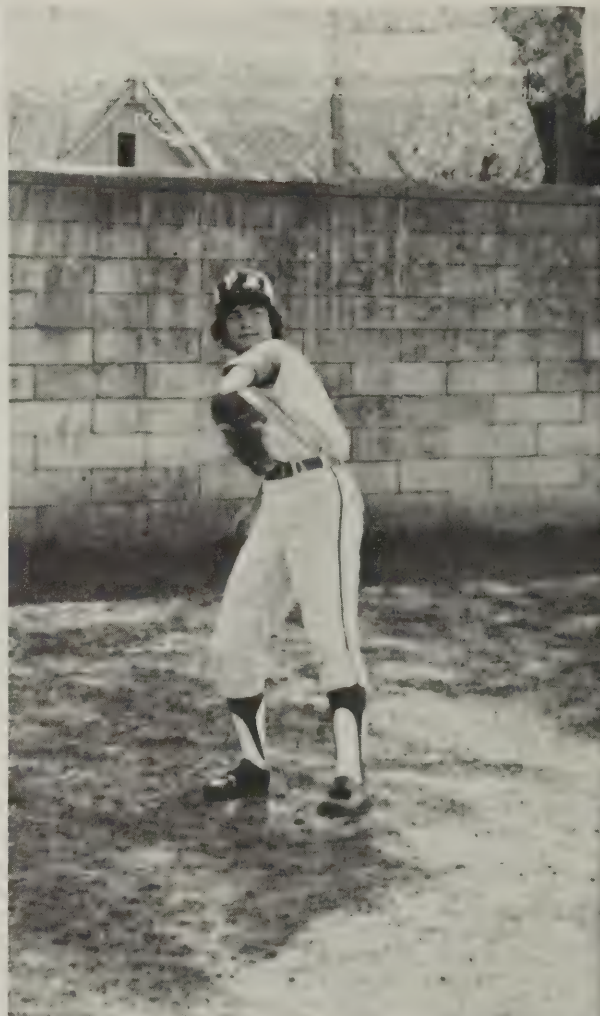
This slack play was typical throughout the entire regular season, as in almost every match someone felt the urge to "blow up." The team won only 4 out of 9 matches, two of them to a push-over James River team. The other two season victories came over Buffalo Gap at Gypsy Hill Country Club and over Fort Defiance at Lexington Country Club.

However, in the district tournament held at the Lower Cascades, the team buckled down and showed its experience, as it placed a firm second behind a very strong Stuarts Draft team. This second place entitled the team to travel to the Region C tournament held at Marion Country Club in Marion, where the Blues ended their season with a fourth place finish.

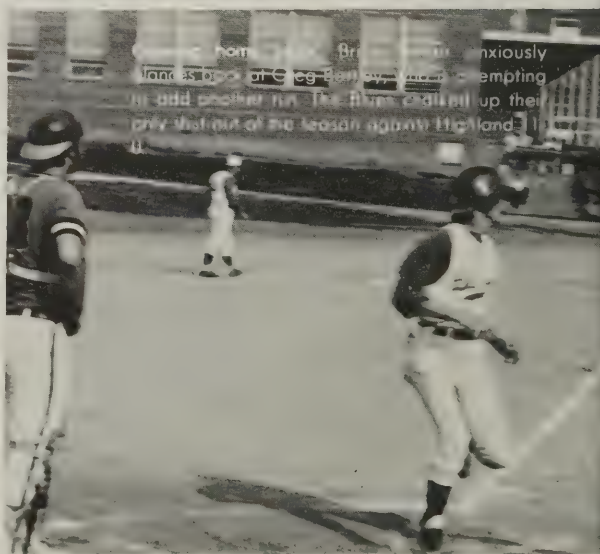
After recording an 8 on the last par 3, Eugene Williams decides to check the distances before hitting his next shot.

On the porch of the Lower Cascades Club, the team anticipates the announcement of its placing runner-up in the district. The members are: Frankie Rader, Mitch Hoepner, Eugene Williams, Coach Ward Lockett, Stuarts Draft team member Jeff Shipe, and Clyde Martin.

Four sluggers bat

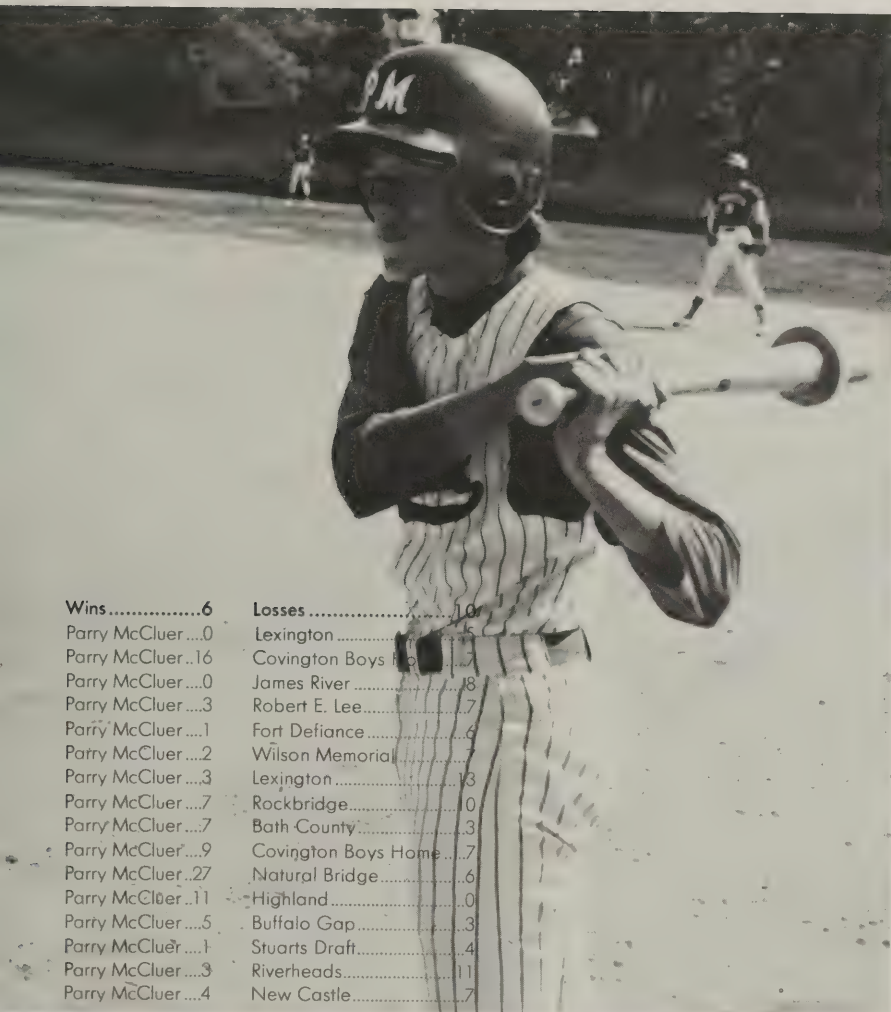


Awaiting the pitch, Paul Thompson takes his stance in the game against Bath County. With a batting average of .477, Thompson led the team offensively.



Paul Thompson, Bath County, anxiously awaits the pitch of Greg Bannister, attempting to add another run. The Braves called all up their play that night of the season against Highland.

above .400



Wins.....6
 Parry McCluer....0
 Parry McCluer...16
 Parry McCluer....0
 Parry McCluer....3
 Parry McCluer....1
 Parry McCluer....2
 Parry McCluer....3
 Parry McCluer....7
 Parry McCluer....7
 Parry McCluer....9
 Parry McCluer...27
 Parry McCluer...11
 Parry McCluer....5
 Parry McCluer....1
 Parry McCluer....3
 Parry McCluer....4

Losses.....10
 Lexington.....5
 Covington Boys Home...7
 James River.....18
 Robert E. Lee.....7
 Fort Defiance.....6
 Wilson Memorial.....3
 Lexington.....13
 Rockbridge.....0
 Bath County.....3
 Covington Boys Home...7
 Natural Bridge.....6
 Highland.....0
 Buffalo Gap.....3
 Stuarts Draft.....4
 Riverheads.....11
 New Castle.....7



Although many coaches casually refer to their teams as young, Coach "Chick" Crawford actually meant it. In his seventeenth year of coaching and his first year with the baseball program at Parry McCluer, he had a team with only two seniors and many sophomores and freshmen.

Pre-season practice brought optimism as Crawford stated that even though the squad was under a great deal of pressure because of its youth, he felt the team would improve during the year as everyone was willing to work hard.

However, when the team managed to win only one of its first eight games, the optimistic outlook faded. Then hopes were brightened as the squad entered a winning streak, collecting five straight victories.

Fans crowded the stands as the team began to win. The baseball diamond had been moved from municipal field when baseball and track schedules created conflicts, and the new location behind the school was extremely convenient for students as they watched the team continue to chalk up wins. However, success ebbed as the squad closed its season with three losses.

The squad had trouble with errors and hitting throughout the season, but maintained a strong pitching staff with senior Sidney Smith and sophomore Greg Bartley. Bartley showed outstanding ability as he was credited with four of the six wins.

Bartley along with three other players also showed promise at the plate by obtaining a batting average over .400. The other sluggers were juniors Paul Thompson, B.B. Manuel, and sophomore Hans Mohler.

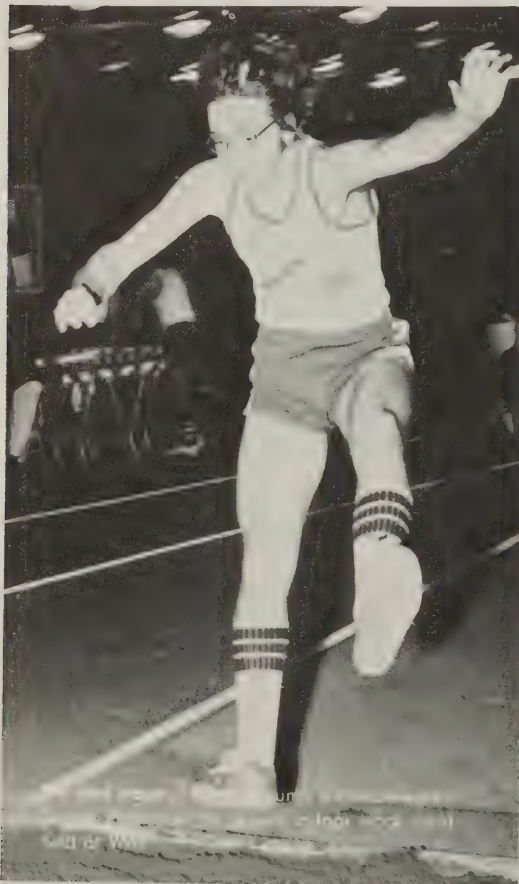
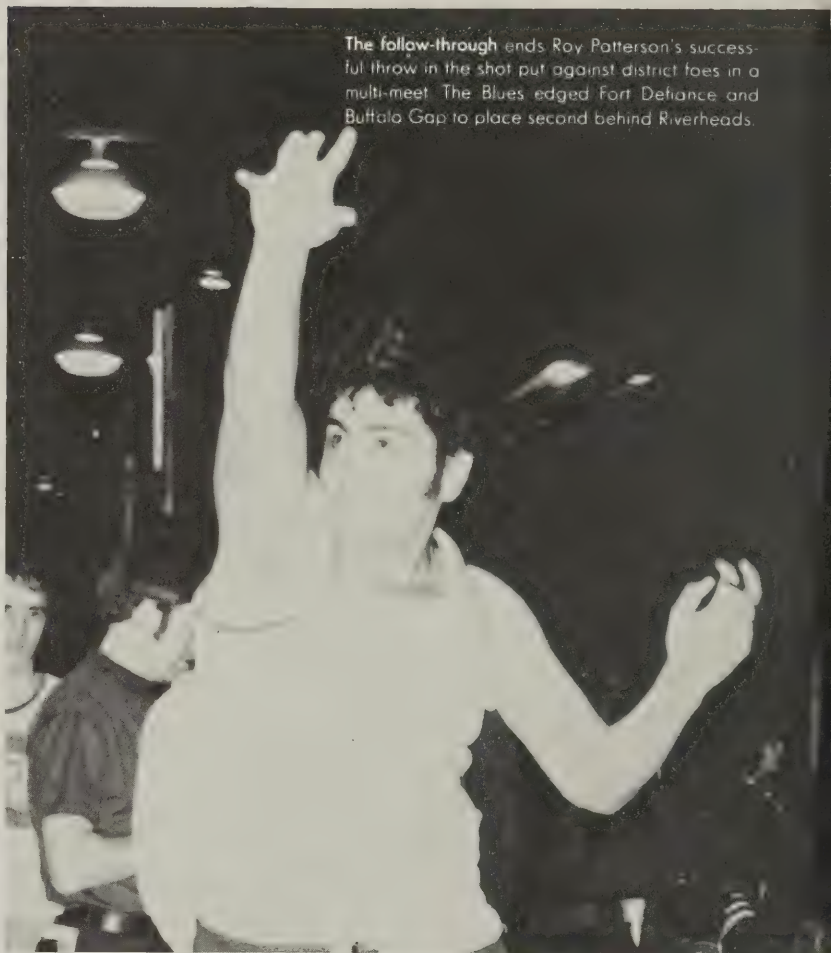
Even though the baseball team did not claim a winning record, the young players developed versatility by playing different positions throughout the season.

Deep concentration occupies Greg Bartley as he awaits his turn at the plate against district foe Bath County. The Chargers were defeated 7-3 as the Blues began a mid-season winning streak.

Cindermen



The follow-through ends Roy Patterson's successful throw in the shot put against district foes in a multi-meet. The Blues edged Fort Defiance and Buffalo Gap to place second behind Riverheads.



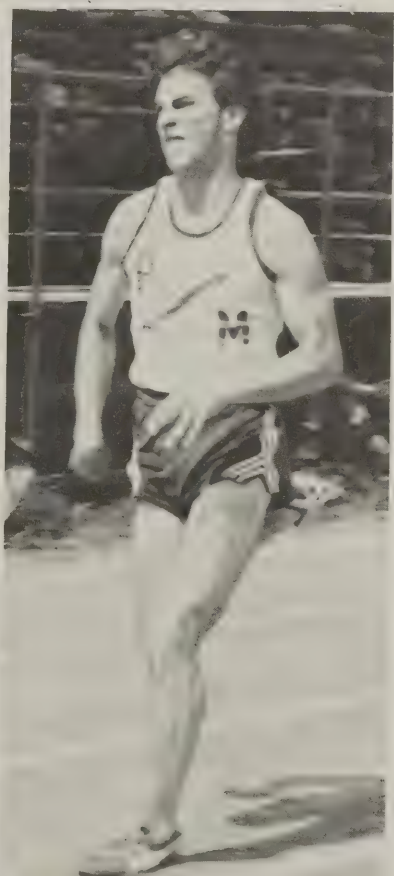
With reassurance from Dennis Sandidge, complete in the Buena Vista got place as the points.

depend on Dyer

Headed toward victory, John Dyer successfully clears another hurdle in the 60 yard high of the state track meet. Dyer was the lone scorer for the Blues as they took seventh place.



The run-through in the pole vault gives Tommy Patterson the speed to clear the 8' mark in the district meet as teammate Tidy Rayer looks on. The Blues earned a third place finish in the meet.



As an insufficient number of students were interested in cross country, the track season did not begin in early fall. When the season finally opened with indoor track, interest remained minimal. The team placed second and third in multi-meets, but never earned the top position. Throughout the season the squad depended on senior John Dyer, who scored all but eight of the team's points in the regional meet and was the lone scorer in the state meet. Dyer with two first place medals led the indoor squad to a close seventh-place finish in the state, after guiding them to a third in the district and regional meets.

The subdued interest in track was not as evident in spring competition. With nine returning lettermen, Coach W.D. Ward had reserved expectations as he commented, "We won't be on the bottom, but we won't be on the top either." The team with only one senior member started out slowly with poor weather conditions disrupting several practices. Despite adverse factors, the team captured fifth in the district and regional meets, and eighth in the state.

John Dyer continued his outstanding track career by taking three first places in the regional meet. He was supported by Perry Knight and Adrian Wade who had fourth and fifth places in their respective events. In state competition, Dyer put on another brilliant performance taking a first and a second while Wade surprised everyone by placing fourth in the mile.

As the moderately successful season closed, Coach Ward was honored at the Awards Assembly. He received a standing ovation from the student body for his contributions to track, as he stepped down from coaching after seven years.

Qualifying for the finals, sophomore Perry Knight records his best time ever for the 220 yard dash in the Buena Vista Relays

A tie marks

In its second year, the girls' track program continued to build with the team's schedule increasing from four to eight meets, featuring three contests at other schools. In the initial year of girls' track, the team had traveled in cars to away meets. But, progress marked the team's second year as a bus was provided for travel.

The team remained winless for its second straight year, but strengthened with a tie against Clifton Forge highlighting the season. Although the team did not experience a winning season, one member excelled in her first year of participation by qualifying for both regional and state competitions. Lisa Johnson collected a season's total of 65½ points competing in several events. She placed fourth in the regionals in her best event, the 80 yard low hurdles and had third in the state wrapped up until she tripped on the last hurdle.

Under the leadership of Miss Cynthia Reid, the team's membership grew to twenty-one girls. Like other athletic rosters, the list of track participants was dominated by inexperienced underclassmen. The squad consisted of 13 freshmen, 5 sophomores, and 3 juniors, with no seniors on the team.

Coach Kerry Camper and the boys track team worked with the girls throughout the season developing skills for both track and field competitions. The guys also assisted with keeping records and timing at home meets and at the regional meet which Parry McCluer hosted.

The second season of girls' track was characterized by progress—a longer schedule, available transportation, and an entry for regional and state meets. However, the first win remained a goal unattained.

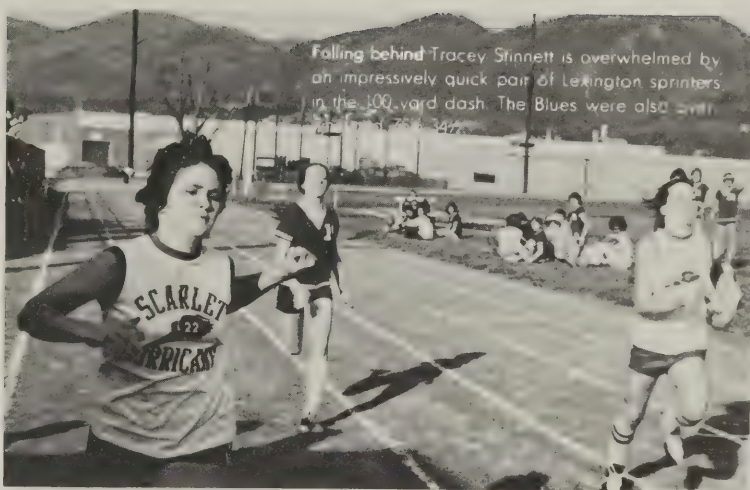
In her specialty, Lisa Johnson takes first in the 80 yard hurdles at the last home meet against Buffalo Gap and Wilson Memorial



progress



A high jump of 4'8 1/2" by Julie Bradford is second place finish in the 10th annual jump-off. Look first in the event at the 10th annual jump-off. Look first in the event at the 10th annual jump-off. Look first in the event at the 10th annual jump-off.



Falling behind Tracey Stinnett is overwhelmed by an impressively quick pair of Lexington sprinters in the 100-yard dash. The Blues were also over-



Gap... Maria Parry... Mer-



The second leg of the 880 relay begins with the exchange from Emily Tegawa to Patti Ayres. The Buffalo Gap Bisons in the foreground took second in the event, leaving the Blues brandy with out in track.



We've got spirit in our



An overwhelming scream from Gail Brown ends a cheer, as the varsity cheerleaders kick off the football season at the Opening Day Assembly.

WORK & PLAY



The mainstay of successful organizations was the spirit of interested students. However, the number of clubs which began the year was so immense that involvement was spread thinly, and several organizations became inactive. While the Pep Club, Library Club, and Junior Red Cross faded, the Hi-Y reappeared. Other organizations, including the SCA, were hindered by the lack of time students were able to render.

The large number of inactive clubs adversely affected the active ones. Conflicting money-making projects hindered sales, and often resulted in little or no profit.

Financial burden was the major concern of several groups, including the yearbook and newspaper staffs. While the yearbook staff conquered its foe, the newspaper staff was not able to produce a single publication.

Along with the clubs, academics also underwent changes. Because of dwindling interest, the distributive education program experienced its last year of existence, while the college psychology course gained popularity. Curriculum changes also resulted from the **Responding** series controversy.

While students lost interest in some phases of school life, spirit was rekindled in other areas. German classes were filled to the brim and Spanish classes gained momentum.

As the interests of students changed, the organizations and curriculum bent to meet the needs of the spirited youth.

Picture day meant carrying uniform bags to school and changing in the bathrooms. Randy Gatzke helps Annie Cash adjust the strap on her hat.

America's past is represented in various replicas of architecture, built by the eleventh-grade history students.

A German dinner sponsored by the Foreign Language Club is enjoyed by students and their parents, while the admission fee boosted the fund for foreign travel.

Narrow field of interested candidates



Newly installed president Garry Kidd presents Lem Byers with a symbol of his SCA office at the SCA spring assembly. The new officers were Garry Kidd, Mike Bailey, Patti Ayres, Mark Adams, Lem Byers, and Lucinda Breeden.

Composed of a representative and an alternate from each home-room, the Student Cooperative Association was the largest club in the school, but often held meetings with less than fifteen members present. This lack of participation hampered the SCA throughout the year.

The enthusiasm over the annual Magazine Drive lessened, despite incentives such as prizes, class competition, and the mystery student sweepstakes. The entire student body was urged to participate in the drive, but only a few actively sought subscriptions. As a result of the minimal participation, the profit was only \$600, a disappointing sum compared to those of previous years.

A successful SCA project was the selling of nabs and other snack items during relaxation period each morning. The nab sales netted a considerable profit and provided students with snacks for the mid-morning break.



The lunchroom survey came up during first lunch; Sandra Coe, Sharon Richardson, and Richie gave over a lunchroom meal.



Selling nabs during relaxation period was one of the SCA's student services and also was a moneymaking project. Lem Byers and Mrs. Betty Teague sell a snack to Steve Slagle



Top salesman of the Magazine Drive for the third consecutive year, senior Paul Magann receives his prize check from SCA president John Dyer. **Old business** does not hold the interest of SCA members Debby Harris, Patti Ayres, Dean Fox, and Paula Meade. Mrs. Betty Teague, SCA sponsor, voices her opinion on the library rules under discussion

The work of the lunchroom committee was one success of the SCA. Continual complaints about menus led to a student survey and meetings with the principal, the superintendent, and the lunchroom supervisor. Minor changes, such as the replacement of rolls with standard hamburger buns, the elimination of greasy pizza, and the more balanced selection of menu items resulted from these meetings. But, even these few changes surpassed the accomplishments of similar committees in past years.

The most unique facet of the SCA year involved the selection of new officers. The excitement of campaign week with its posters, vote soliciting, and campaign speeches was bypassed, as for the first time in the club's history only one person sought each office. Subsequently, the new officers were installed without the usual election process.

Young beauties dazzle capacity crowd

Tears of joy flow as Debbie Wright takes the winner's walk after being crowned Miss PMHS.

Enrolled in the Cooperative Education Program, senior Felicia Coleman spends her afternoons working in the commandant's office at VMI.



The members of the FBLA constituted one of the largest and most active groups of students in the school. Along with other members of the Virginia State Chapter, the FBLA raised more than \$77,000 for the March of Dimes.

The local chapter surpassed its goal for the state project by raising \$265 through a volleyball game, a bingo party, and assemblies in the elementary schools. The volleyball game matched the girls' volleyball team against the female faculty members during a morning assembly. At the bingo party both students and adults played for prizes contributed by area merchants. The assemblies, which included a film entitled "Jamie", informed students about birth defects and closed with the students giving contributions.

March of Dimes

Birth defects are forever. Unless you help.





Several projects, the major one being the Miss PMHS pageant, provided funds for the FBLA's needs. A record-breaking crowd gathered in the auditorium on March 6 for the fourth annual Miss PMHS pageant. The pageant featured 19 girls, sponsored by various clubs and businesses. After 3 phases of competition and a questioning session, the judges made their final decision. The winner, who would represent the high school throughout the year, was Debbie Wright.

The Miss PMHS pageant, along with several other projects, financed field trips and enabled the club to send members to the regional and state conventions.

The prerequisite for membership in the FBLA was enrollment in business classes. As well as teaching students secretarial trades, the business department also coordinated the Cooperative Education Program, which allowed the opportunity for work-training.

The judges' final decision is anxiously awaited by the five finalists in the Miss PMHS pageant: Patti Ayers, Sharon Lineberry, Trish Perkins, Yancey Williams, and Debbie Wright.

The first step in a business education is first-year typing. Mr. Dick Cash teaches Timmy Mays, Lisa Ramsey, and Lee White the techniques for a manuscript.



DE & sociology fade out



The library conference room is ideal for small classes such as the psychology class. The class includes students and area residents: Paul Magann, Jane Hughes, Beth Southers, Linda Dyer, Cindy Page, and Colleen Bailey.

Hot coffee is welcome on a cold night. Coach Mike Sams warms up with a cup of coffee from the concession stand operated by DECA at a home football game.

In its final year, the distributive education program remained lively. The DECA chapter, comprised of distributive education students, continued to operate the concession stand at football games and to sell various items such as candy, calendars, and iron-on decals. The group also carried out a special Bicentennial project, publishing a pamphlet about the history of Buena Vista.

Through the distributive education program, jobs at area businesses were obtained for students. However, Buena Vista's industrial nature made appropriate jobs difficult to procure. When jobs became less available, students began to lose interest in the program. In the spring, as schedules were completed and only one student had requested the class, the decision was made that distributive education would be discontinued.





An elective course, sociology, also experienced its last year. The class which had been offered on alternate years would be eliminated along with world cultures, the other biennial elective. In its final year, the sociology group completed a thorough study of attitudes toward various occupations by surveying a random sample of students. The class also observed sociology in action as they visited the Natural Bridge Learning Center.

While some courses faded from the curriculum, other classes were introduced. A college psychology course was offered to seniors by Dabney S. Lancaster Community College. The class, in its first year, was aimed not only at the students but at the entire community. Consisting of six students and two housewives, the class tackled projects of various types. One project on the Patty Hearst case utilized a survey to compare attitudes of faculty and students.

Another program which developed to meet particular needs was the special education program. For the first time, students participated in regularly scheduled English and history classes as Mrs. Nancy Snyder, the new special education instructor, served as resource director.

A work program continued as students were employed at area businesses and at a nearby workshop. A highlight of the year was a spring field trip to the colonial Williamsburg area.

Judges and participants assemble prior to the district DE competition hosted by the local chapter

Consumer education includes a field trip to the downtown area for special education students and teachers: Doug Cash, Chris Sanderson, Mrs. Lucille Jenkins, Mrs. Nancy Snyder, and Jane Sanderson.

Lining up for a picture before leaving for the Natural Bridge Learning Center are members of the sociology class. **Front:** Barry Staton, Mr. Ken Reed, Tony Morrison **Row 2:** Boo Ewald, Karen Wilhelm, Tina Decker, Colleen Bailey, Lori Austin, Debbie Hite, Peggy Mason, Debby Harris, Gail Harrison **Back:** Phillip Henson, Alan Burch, Cindy Hare, Donna Coleman, Beth Southers, Brenda Phillips

'Daddy Date Night' is gala affair



In early fall, the Future Homemakers of America introduced itself to prospective members with an ice cream party, as the club launched into an active year. Among the club's monthly programs, a favorite was the demonstrating in sandpointing where the members experimented with the new art fad. Another popular meeting featured a skit on party planning and concluded with a surprise wedding shower for the sponsor, Mrs. Gerri Pryor.

On several occasions, parents attended meetings with their daughters. FHA members and their fathers had dinner together on "Daddy Date Night," while the annual "Mother-Daughter Banquet" in May concluded the year. Mothers also shared an evening with their daughters at a Tupperware party which raised money for the chapter.

Overall, the club had a productive year, boasting six degree recipients and a delegate to the State Convention. Other achievements of the organization included a baby-sitting service for Parent-Teacher Conference Days and a dinner prepared for the school board.



Ice cream creations are sampled by FHA members Susan Wright, Cindy Camper, and Judy Greene at the first FHA meeting of the year.



The printing machine is adjusted by Mark Patterson, as Carson Irvine, Steve Slagle, and Chris Irvine wait to continue the assignment.



The initial phase of construction is executed as Dennis Sandidge marks the woodblock for cutting.

A coconut cake is baked in the new kitchen by Mrs. Gerri Prvor, Cindy Hare, and Sharon Lineberry. The home ec. teacher and assistants prepared the dessert for the school board.

Traditional homemaking skills comprised the core of the home economics curriculum. The juniors and seniors in the third-year home economics class utilized their culinary skills in giving a tea for the faculty at Christmas, and in assisting the FHA with a dinner for the school board. The home economics department, along with the industrial arts department, featured exploratory courses for sixth and seventh graders.

The industrial arts department had two divisions, shop and communications. The communications course, in its third year, continued to develop into a very popular class. The students learned printing and photo processing skills as they practiced procedures in the classroom. The students performed many printing tasks for school organizations. They printed the student handbook for the SCA, prom invitations for the Junior Class, and tickets for the Drama Club.

'Company's Coming' inspires clean-up

During relaxation period, couples meet for a few minutes. Timmy Williams and Jamie Bradford stand in the hall by the art exhibits. A pair of clogs is the subject of the drawing by Susie Hawes which captured a blue ribbon in the spring art exhibit.



Two organizations which recognized achievement were the Art Club and the National Honor Society. While the Art Club acknowledged creative talents, the National Honor Society recognized scholastic achievement.

The Art Club, along with the art classes, held several exhibits and awarded ribbons for outstanding achievement. The winning posters in a Bicentennial contest were displayed in the downtown area as were other student works. The art students also displayed their projects in the library and along the corridors of the school. Also brightening the corridors were the trash cans freshly decorated by art students.

Recognizing scholastic achievement, the National Honor Society tapped 32 new members in the spring. Continuing its past activities, the club presented honor roll certificates and awarded a scholarship to a senior member. Assisting with the Special Olympics in the fall was a new service project for the group.

Applying the undercoat, Art Club members Teresa Cash and Maria Coleman prepare the hall trash cans for stenciling.





The bicentennial slogan "Company's Coming" inspired clean-up campaigns throughout Virginia and the Hi-Y initiated such a campaign in Buena Vista. In the fall, the Hi-Y was reorganized after a year of non-existence and undertook "Operación Buena Vista" as its first project.

In Spanish "buena vista" means "good view" and that was the image that proud Hi-Y'ers wanted the city to project. Under the leadership of Spanish teacher Mr. Ron Gravatt, the club members collected more than six hundred pounds of glass, paper, and cans during two Saturday campaigns. The campaigns focused along routes 501 north and 60 east, both major roads leading into the city. Among the benefits derived from the project were good exercise, fun, and \$13.80 from returnable bottles and recyclable cans.

The re-established club, along with Hi-Y groups throughout the state, participated in Model General Assembly in the spring. With the help of State Senator Marshall Coleman, the local group formulated a bill, which was among those selected for the simulated legislative session held in Richmond. The bill limiting individual campaign contributions was presented in the Senate by M.C. Morris and was passed by the Senate. Garrett Bain defended the bill in the House but the constitutionality of the bill was challenged, bringing about its defeat. Elizabeth Baldwin also attended MGA as a member of the House of Delegates.

Newly tapped National Honor Society members assemble for recognition at the annual SCA-NHS joint assembly.

Operación Buena Vista was a fall project for the re-established Hi-Y. The Hi-Y members who picked up trash along the major roads leading into the city were: **Front:** Jim Holladay, Perry Knight, Travis Hill, "Nug" Hickman **Back:** Timmy Chittum, Winston Hite, Chris Fauber, Nick Harris.

Bribery tactics increase participation



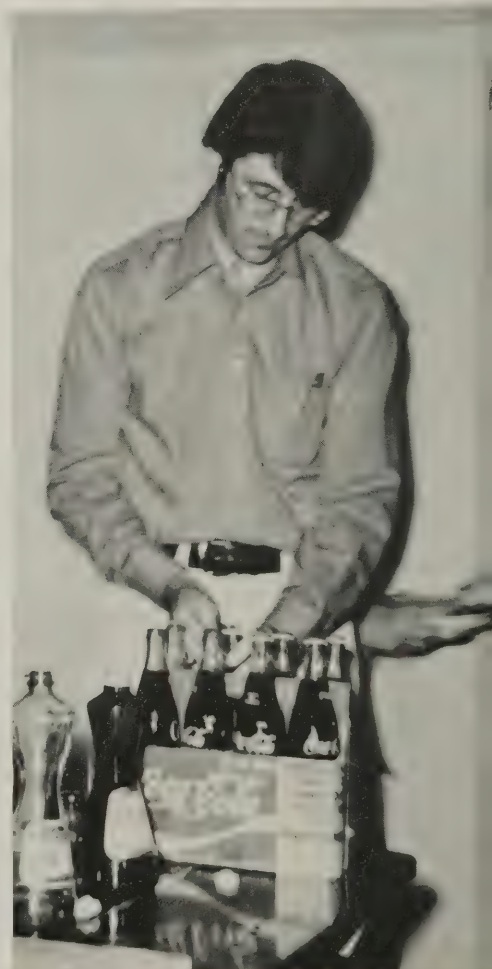
"Loteria," Spanish bingo, provides a unique and fun way to learn vocabulary for second-year Spanish students Debby Harris, Blair Sollenberger, Randy Gatzke, Eyde Huffman, Kevin H. Jones, and Mark Adams.

The Foreign Language Department included studies in German, Spanish and French. German classes ranged from first to fourth year, with the advanced classes studying literature written in the language and holding classes in which no English was spoken. Before Christmas, all German students learned German Christmas carols and spent several class periods singing. French and Spanish classes also learned songs in their language and their voices often filled the hallways. Spanish classes played Spanish bingo which increased vocabulary skills in a way which broke the regular routine.

The three divisions of the department worked together, encouraging interest in other countries and the cultures of the people in those countries.

Foreign travel was a major achievement of the Foreign Language Department as trips to Europe and Canada were made by several students.

Last minute preparations are made as Mr. Ron Gravatt opens drinks for the Spanish dinner. Even though the menu was Spanish, the beverage was very American.



Spiced potatoes, the vegetable for the German dinner, is prepared in the home economics kitchen. Eugene Williams adjusts the stove, while Andy Ogden and Mr. Ken Reed look over the recipe.

Bribery was used by the Foreign Language Club to increase participation. The Spanish and German members prepared and served dinners, including foods representative of the country which spoke their language. Attendance at the dinners, which were for profit, was the prerequisite for participation in the field trip to King's Dominion.

Although this field trip was the only traveling activity in which the entire club participated, foreign travel was offered to interested individuals. During Easter Vacation, Tim Vest, Ronald Cash, and Bruce Phelps, traveled to Europe, where they viewed the highlights of several major cities and countries. Elizabeth Baldwin and Nancy Greene traveled with French teacher Ron Gravatt to Montreal, Canada where they experienced contact with the language they were studying.

Fondue was the appetizer at the German dinner. Mike Dennis dips into the bowl, while Jay Henson, Julie Hawes, and Pam Sandidge wait their turn.

'Trifles' receives rating of excellent



Opening the mascara, Ellen Radick calmly prepares to put the final touches on her sister Jane's makeup.

Under the new direction of Miss Lynne Alvine, the Drama Club pulled together its available talent and used its resourcefulness to experience a very productive and satisfying year. Their first performance was presented at the Constitution Day Assembly. This humorous production, entitled "Bicentennial Minutes" was written by two students, M.C. Morris and Sheba Lawhorne, in such a way that every member had an active role on stage.

After Miss Alvine had completed coaching girls' basketball, she concentrated her efforts on the winter production of "An Evening of Melodrama", which turned out to be the real old-fashioned, "true-blue good guy versus the sneering, cape-clad bad guy" melodrama. Even though the set completely collapsed during dress rehearsal, it was rebuilt in time to provide the villain-boosing, hero-cheering public with an entertaining evening.

At the time of publication, plans were still being made for a big spring production.



Final preparation for the one-act play festival includes a presentation of "Trifles" at a student body assembly. The performers are Jane Radick, Eugene Williams, Mark Adams and M.C. Morris.



In competition the Drama Club and the forensics team fared well. Even though there were only five forensics participants, Parry McCluer managed to earn two awards in district competition. Lem Byers received a third place in poetry and M.C. Morris received a second place, also in poetry. The second place enabled M.C. to advance into regional competition where she received a third place.

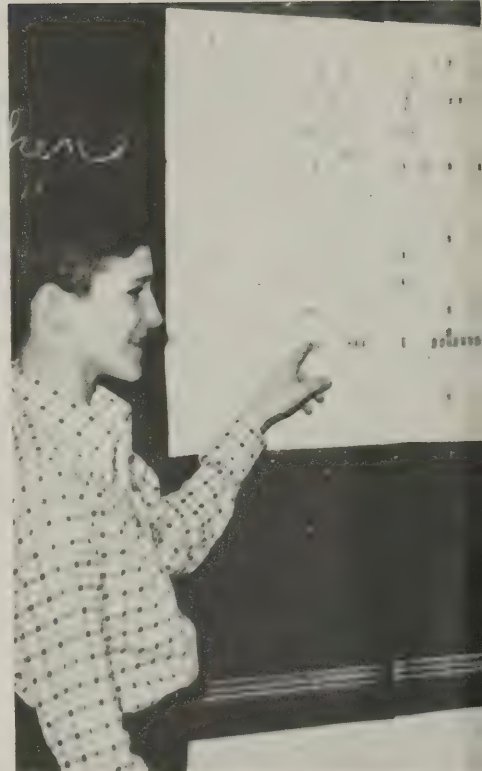
At the district one-act play festival held at Bridgewater College, Parry McCluer's entry, the dramatic play "Trifles", received a rating of excellent. An interesting feature of the production was that the set had to be highly mobile and therefore most of it was constructed from cardboard boxes.



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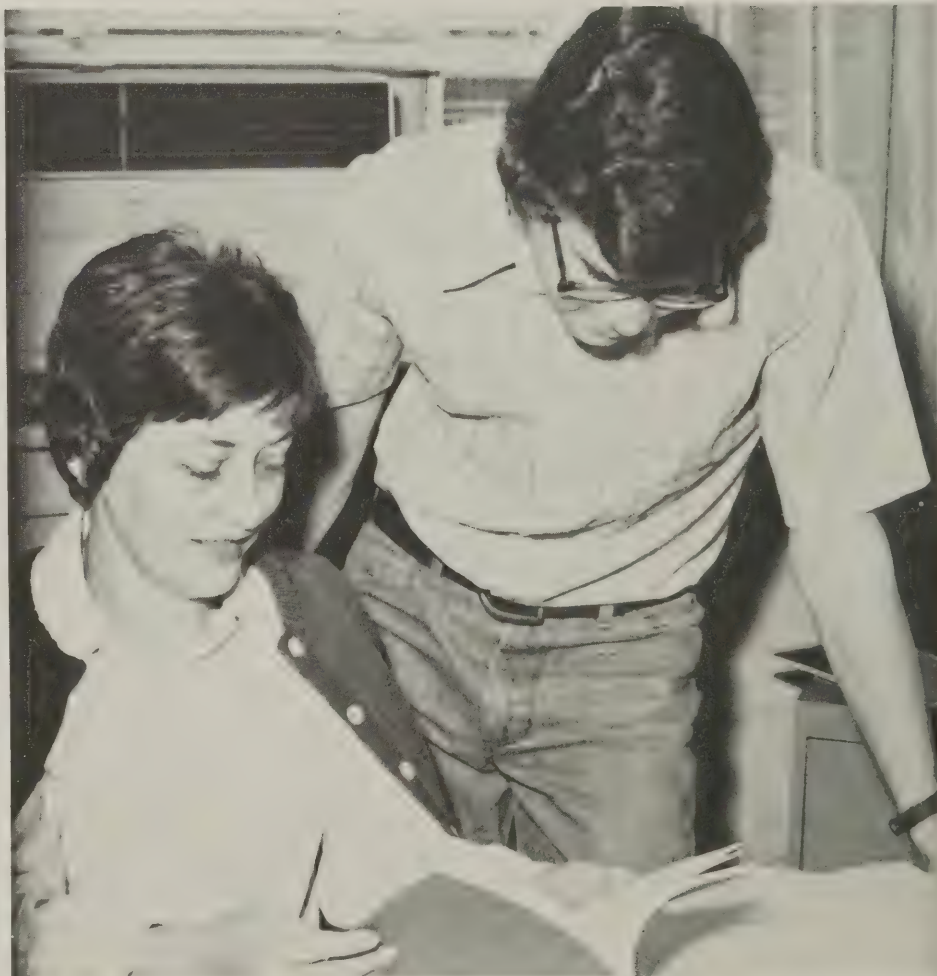


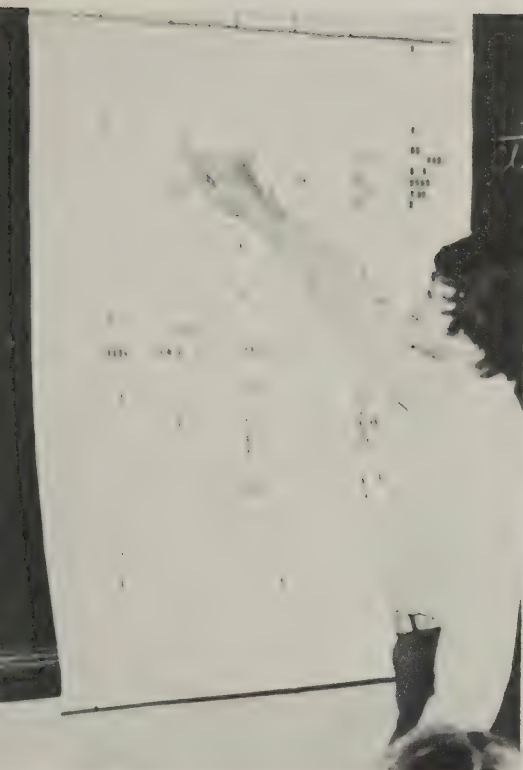
Mythology inspires Miss Lynne Alvine's dramatic flair as she portrays Ulysses for the senior English classes.

Future plans are in question as senior Joe Gearhart confers with guidance counselor, Mrs. Mary Frances Burks.

Controversy and concern were the determining factors in the development of new programs in the English department. Programs had to be rerouted for students whose parents would not sign forms giving them permission to continue use of the **Responding** series. A controversy concerning the books had developed the previous year causing parents to violently oppose use of the series.

An intensive reading program was started for the eighth graders because public concern had resulted from low standardized test scores. With the help of a reading specialist from VCU, the program grew into a competition between students, as well as, a method of developing mental and vocal skills. Charts were kept as each student read as many books as possible in the attempt to improve reading skills.





Examining the reading charts, Larry Moore and Kenney Camden check their progress in the eighth-grade reading competition.



Career paper possibilities are discussed by juniors Tim Vest and Adrian Wade during a workday in English class.



Through more intensive curriculum study the English department was able to utilize the quarter system adopted by the school system in 1973. Each quarter was made into a separate, unique unit of study at each grade level, voiding the possibility of repetition of the same topics every year.

Traditional programs were also continued as the juniors wrote career papers to learn the techniques used in advanced composition. Continuing to take advantage of activities at area colleges, interested seniors attended "The Birds," a play performed by the W&L Troubadour Theatre.

The guidance staff continued to work closely with the English department in utilizing the quarter system. Mrs. Mary Frances Burks and Mrs. Margaret Smith made up the department which performed the usual guidance functions, sponsored Career Day and College Night, and also coordinated the activities of the SODA and SAS.

After Career Day presentations, guidance secretary Judy Cash serves coffee to city Sheriff Jim Burch, who spoke on law enforcement careers.

Seventh graders clarify values



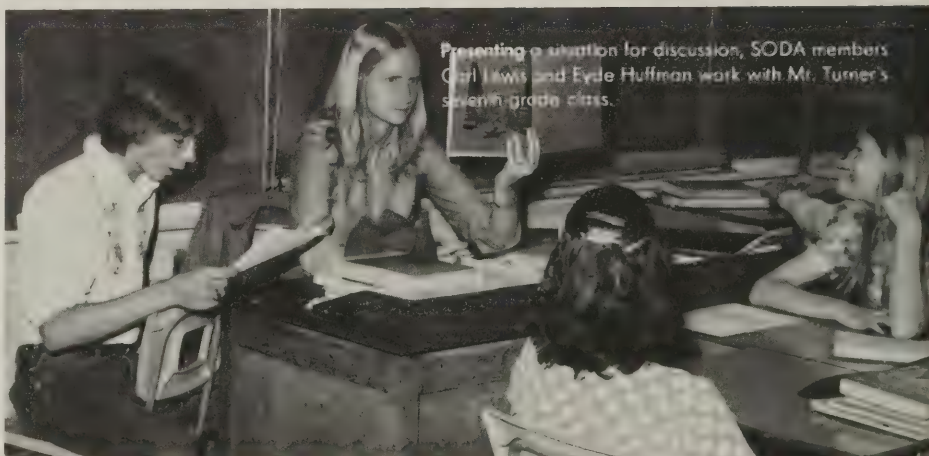
Demonstrating culinary skills, A Navy cook fascinates students on Career Day by carving animal figurines from fruits and vegetables. Students watching the demonstration are John Mazingo, Mark Wright, Ronald Cash, and Elizabeth Smoot.

The guidance department placed emphasis on planning for the future. In early fall, a College Night was held for all juniors and seniors in the area. Representatives from major Virginia colleges were present to discuss entrance requirements and course offerings with students and their parents.

After Christmas a biennial Career Day replaced morning classes for all students. After compiling student preferences, the guidance department scheduled each student for three thirty-minute programs. Members of various professions talked to students about salaries, educational requirements, and job opportunities. A mechanic, a landscaper, a businessman, and various professionals were among the speakers.

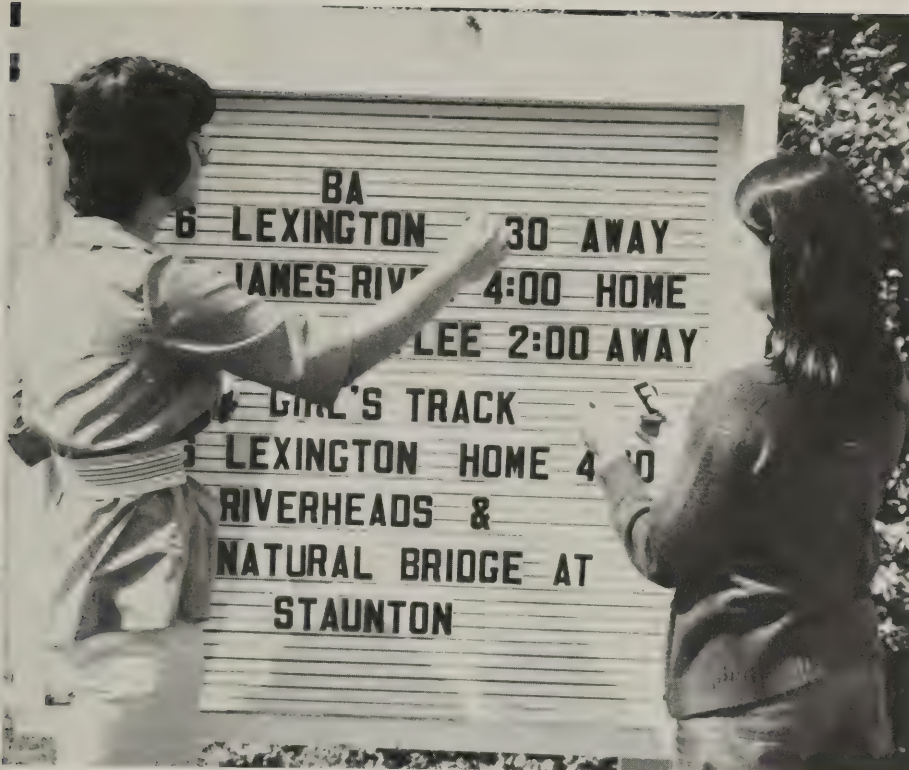


Expanding college possibilities. Students and their mother listen in a presentation about Median College of Virginia and VCU at the area College Night held at Fort McCoy. Juniors Dean Fox, Darrell Fairley and Susan Moore also participate in the night activities.



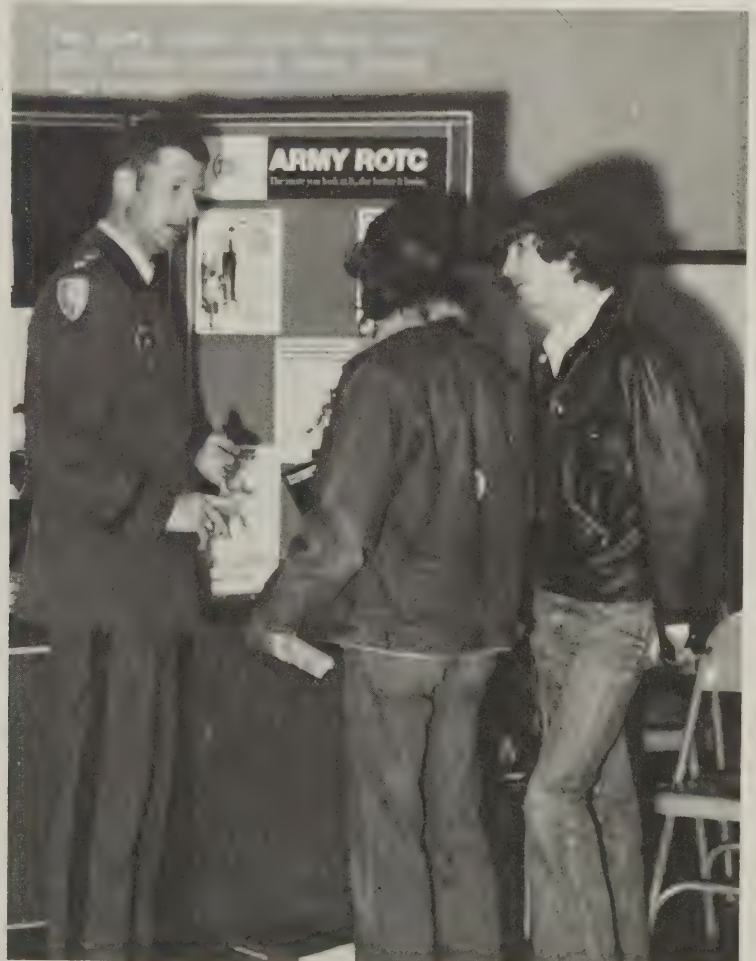
Presenting a situation for discussion. SODA members Carl Lewis and Eyde Huffman work with Mr. Turner's seventh grade class.

Keeping students posted on the week's events, SAS members Jane Radick and Robin Hamilton position the letters on the billboard at the library entrance



A small group of individuals called "Students Associated for Service" assisted the guidance department with its activities. They made signs for College Night and served as guides for both College Night and Career Day. The SAS also decorated the school's Christmas tree in the library and kept the school bulletin board up-to-date.

The guidance department also coordinated the activities of the "Student Organization for the Development of Attitudes". In its third year, SODA, under the auspices of the Rockbridge Mental Health Association, had eight student participants. After two weekends of intensive training in values clarification, the students worked in pairs with seventh graders discussing values twice each month.



Winter Olympics arouse enthusiasm



Excitement was aroused as the Winter Olympic Games in Innsbruck were viewed on T.V. and as daily discussions centered on the events. Special projects on various aspects of the Olympics were completed by physical education students. Topics for the projects included problems with judging and officiating, the meaning of Olympic symbols, and the concept of amateurism in the Olympics. Students became familiar with the accomplishments of American athletes such as Sheila Young, Dorothy Hamill and Bill Koch, as well as those of European athletes such as Franz Klammer.

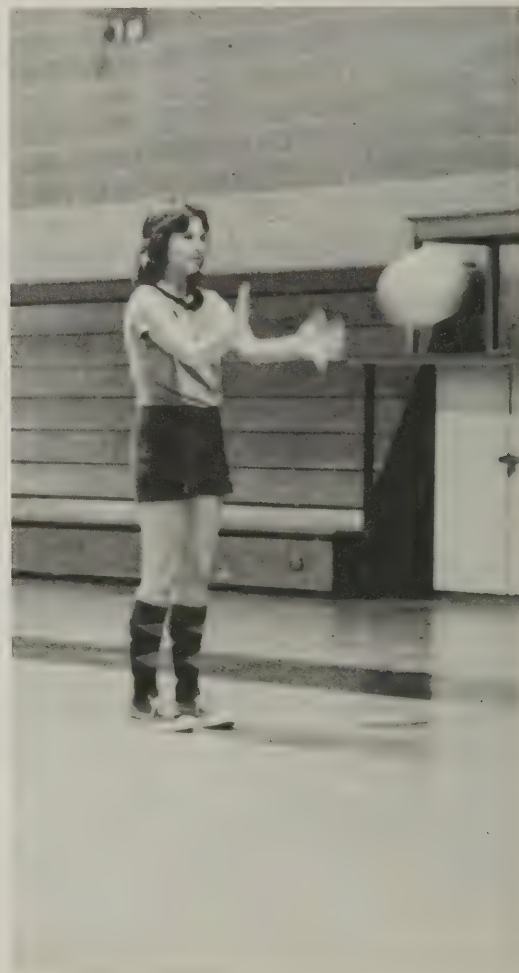
In addition to the vicarious learning experience of the Olympics, students encountered various sports first-hand. Recent additions to the standard PE program included archery, swimming, tennis, and coeducational square dancing. The gymnastics program received its public debut as demonstrations were presented for parents at the school's open house in April.

In addition to the required courses for eighth through tenth grades, the PE department offered an elective for juniors and seniors. The coeducational gym class was



A thirsty crowd is anticipated by Paul Thompson as he opens another Pepsi. The Monogram Club operates the concession stand at basketball games.

Basketball skills are perfected by freshman Lee Bradford as she practices passing in seventh period PE class.



very popular with athletes attempting to stay in shape.



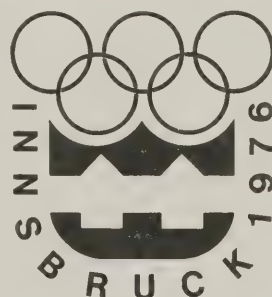
Olympic gold medalist Dorothy Hamill, at age 19, caught everyone's attention with her figure skating in the Winter Olympics.

Not a calamity victim, Camilla McDaniel is bandaged by Mrs. Joan Emmer in a first-aid demonstration.

The physical education department had a dual role. In addition to teaching athletic skills, the curriculum included health, first aid, and driver's education. The drivers' education program experienced difficulties in scheduling as coaches taught behind-the-wheel training. The students who needed seven hours of instruction found themselves rising at 6 a.m. on school mornings and often on Saturdays as well. The early morning hours were necessary to avoid conflict with the coaches' practice schedules. As the year ended, many sophomores were still waiting for their turn.

Associated with the Health and PE Department were the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Monogram Club. The FCA's main responsibility was leading prayer at athletic events and assemblies, while the Monogram Club operated the

concession stand at basketball games. The Monogram Club also sold knit hats in the school colors, blue and white. As the club spread spirit in both the high school and the elementary school with the hat sales, the Pep Club failed in its efforts to promote spirit. A lack of interest and an inconsistent membership found the club fading away.



Red means: I love you



The beginning of the cheer-leading year was marked with floods of tears. In May, tryouts ended when the judges, consisting of senior cheerleaders, a male and female faculty member, and area cheerleading sponsors, selected nine varsity and eight j.v. cheerleaders from a group of approximately sixty girls. When the names of the new cheerleaders were posted, the tears began—tears of joy and tears of disappointment.

For the first time, the cheerleaders attended a summer camp sponsored by the National Cheerleading Association. They received four blue ribbons and a "superior" team rating while learning new chants and cheers, including "Get on the Good Foot".

Throughout the school year, the squad planned activities to inspire spirit, such as "Spirit Week" and pep rallies. To cover their expenses, such as those for homecoming and team parties, they continued their annual carnation sales for Valentine's Day. Buyers were given the choice of red ones meaning "I Love You", pink ones meaning "I Like You", and white ones meaning "You're nice." The project was a financial success, as they sold over 300 carnations.



After dropping her pom-poms, Jay Henson concludes a cheer with a split jump during a timeout at the Highland basketball game. The Blues pulverized the Rams 88-55.



The "chicken" cheer is performed by the varsity cheerleaders at the girls' basketball game against Fort Defiance. The Blues were downed 56-31.



Trying to control her emotions, Emily Teague can only watch as the Baby Blues suffer their only loss of the season to Riverheads 12-0.

Rocky road to financial recovery



Collecting money takes priority over checking the approved date list, as Ms. Janet Hedrick oversees the Parrimac sockhop. Andy Ogden, editor, checks the names of yearbook purchasers who received a discount on admission while Eyde Huttman stamps hands.



The bump performed by Carolyn Hedrick and Dean Fox wins the dance contest at the sockhop concluding yearbook sales. Jerry Nuckols and Debbie Floyd relax while Darby Lawhorne, WREL disc jockey, presents an album to the winners.



The comb has had its last chance as Mr. Bill Boswell makes last minutes adjustments before taking Deanna Meade's school picture.



Financial recovery
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The opening of school found the yearbook staff with a \$1500 debt, 150 leftover yearbooks, an inexperienced staff, and a new advisor. To begin their long struggle, the group organized a strong sales campaign, using the slogan "Smile if you've got one." The two-week campaign began with an assembly and ended with a sockhop where admission discounts were given to those who had ordered yearbooks. As the campaign closed, 380 **Parrimacs** had been sold, doubling the previous year's sales and making financial recovery a possibility.

Continuing on the road to financial recovery, the staff introduced two new moneymaking ideas. During the week preceding homecoming, over 1200 blue and white paper links were sold. At the homecoming pep rally, the chain of links, which circled the gymnasium, was presented to the cheerleaders. Another new project, which continued throughout the year, was selling freshly baked doughnuts twice monthly.

Even though much time was spent raising money, the staff did find time for actual yearbook construction. In October, thirteen students attended the VHSL Publications Workshop in Charlottesville, where their training began. On-the-job training continued as the **Parrimac** took a form different from that of its predecessors. The staff for the first time utilized acetate lettering, coaches' interviews and various surveys to provide better coverage of school activities.

Although the yearbook overcame its financial burden, the newspaper could not survive another year of financial loss. An attempt was made to cut the cost of outside printing by taking the task of the school communications department. One copy of the **Vista** was prepared, but succumbed to difficulties in the printing stage of publication. Even though no printed copy of the newspaper ever reached the students, the **Vista** staff did gather and present the school news on the WREL Lions' Day broadcast.



Identification of wrestling pictures is made by Andy Ogden as Coach Dave Ellison assists her. In the background, Ms. Hedrick and Renée Stinnett work on ads.

Local favorite suffers in competition



Marching with colorful lyrics on the band is directed by drum major Mark Azar, during an exhibition show between classes of the Buena Vista Home Day.

The band remained the local favorite at high school and college halftimes. However, unlike previous years, the group suffered in competition. Show preparation began in mid-August, and when completed, the band performed their standard show at various halftimes throughout the area with highlights being the W&L Homecoming and the VMI-Citadel game.

In competition at the Lynchburg Classic Marching Contest, the judges literally picked the band's show to bits and handed the "Pride of the Commonwealth" a humiliating last-place finish.

Undaunted, outside help was brought in and the show was completely reworked for competition at the DeSoto Festival in Bradenton, Florida. However, even after months of preparation, the band did not fare as well as expected.

At last, that elusive success was grasped as the band took top honors over 33 participating bands in the Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade. Parade competitions at the Harrisonburg Poultry Festival and the W & L Mock Election completed the Marching Blues' year.



seasonal debut in the Buena Vista Home Day Parade. The band leads the parade down Magnolia Avenue after an hour postponement due to rain.



Providing entertainment between phases of the Miss PMHS pageant, the chorus performs one of several numbers. The members of the group are Kathy Camden, Norma Wood, Marie Austin, Camille McDaniel, Karen Rice, Crystal Acevedo, Dawn Gesell, and Steve McCormick.



"Jingle Bells Fantasy" is performed by the band at the Christmas Assembly for the student body. The saxophone section includes Jeff Kerr, Paula Meade, Frankie Rader, and Lori Thompson.



The concert band had nine members to attend the Rockbridge All-County Band and three of these advanced to District V All-Regional Band. Tim Williams and Sheba Lawhorne were placed in the concert band, while Eugene Williams was placed in the symphonic band.

The entire music department was under new leadership which automatically prescribed a few minor changes. But, overall the music program continued unaltered from previous years.

The chorus and concert band provided the student body with their traditional Christmas concert. Also, the concert band provided a spring concert which focused on the "newer" sounds in contemporary music, and the chorus performed between phases of the Miss PMHS pageant.



Before being forced off the field by the returning football teams, Ricky Blevins plays the drums as the Marching Blues present their first halftime field show at the Rockbridge game.

A humorous rendition of a traditional Christmas tune is presented by the chorus at the Christmas assembly. Singing "The Twelve Days after Christmas" are: **Front:** Camilla McDaniel, Steve McCormick, Mike Painter **Row 2:** Dawn Gessell, Crystal Acevedo **Back:** Marie Austin, Norma Wood, Cindy Lowe.

Caravan to the Sunshine State

A live broadcast on WREL encourages citizens to donate funds for the band's trip to Florida. Disc jockey Bill Emma adjusts the turntable while Mayor Shuler Kizer corners Wayne Fitzgerald.



Grinning ear-to-ear, drum majors, Jane Ann Flesher and Mark Adams pose with their fourth-place trophy.

A bottle of "Herbal Essence" shampoo substitutes for bottles of previous band trips as Billy Tolley, Eugene Williams, Randy Gatzke, and Mark Adams clown for the camera.

Even though the band's trip to Pasadena, California to participate in the Rose Bowl never materialized, an adequate substitute was provided. Plans for the Marching Blues' trip to the Desoto Festival in Bradenton, Florida began early in the fall. The Band Boosters tackled the financial problem and sponsored countless fund-raising events, including a country and western talent show.

Along with the boosters, others aided the band in various ways. The Carpet Outlet donated a portion of its sales in October, WREL sponsored a "radiothon," and Smith's Transfer emptied a warehouse for practices during inclement weather.

The long awaited journey became a reality on March 23 at 4 a.m. when a caravan of buses left for the Sunshine State.

Late the first afternoon, the group of tired students and chaperones stopped in Jonesboro, Georgia where they apprehensively unloaded to spend the night with members of the Jonesboro High School Band.



The remaining miles of the journey were plagued with mishaps. Bus 2 appeared jinxed as it ran out of gas, had a flat tire, and got

lost. Nevertheless, the entire group arrived safely in Bradenton late that night.



The temperature was soaring and the students were caught in a continuous string of activities. From Thursday morning on the practice field until Saturday night in the Grand Parade, a hectic schedule governed the lives of everyone. A Friday night shopping spree and a Saturday morning beach party provided the only relief from the demanding itinerary, aside from an occasional welcomed meal. Usually mealtime meant McDonald's except for the trip to the Picadilly Cafeteria where the boosters treated the members of the group.

A feeling of satisfaction filled the members of the group as they performed in both field show and parade competitions. However, the decisions of the judges ripped the satisfaction away and replaced it with disappointment and frustration. One consolation was the fourth-place finish of the drum majors.

The end of the Grand Parade on Saturday night brought mass confusion as various reactions to heat and exhaustion required medical aid. With several students hospitalized, the journey home was postponed and the court house provided housing for the final night's stay.

After a week of travel and excitement, the weary troop was welcomed back by a cold rain, so alien to the sunshine of Florida.

The follow-up of the trip did not include mass suspension of students from school as in past years, but was filled with praise for student conduct.

Color guard members shiver on the corner of Magnolia Avenue and 21st Street during the WREL "radiothon."

After a short practice, Andy Ogden, Eugene Williams, Denise Greene, and Mike Dennis leaf through the programs describing the bands in the Desoto Festival.

Enjoying the Florida sun, Eyde Huffman and Teresa Lewis lounge next to the motel's swimming pool during a rare moment of spare time.



FOO, Contig, and Donald Duck



Nth roots occupy the minds of students Carl Lewis, Patti Ayres, Garry Kidd, and Timmy Williams as they tackle an algebra-trig test on radicals.

The trend to change to metric measurement was evident in both the math and science curriculums as well as in everyday life. As signs on the nearby Blue Ridge Parkway added metric distances along with the English measurements, students learned to change miles to kilometers. As the Seven-Up distributors changed to a liter bottle, students converted recipes to metric measurements. Learning metric was made fun through various projects, films, and games.

Recreational material also made other types of math easier. Games such as FOO and Contig helped with understanding basic operations. Silly films such as "Donald Duck in Mathmagic Land" held the attention of students while also instructing them. Projects also proved a different way of learning as geometry students made scrapbooks and seniors explored supplemental topics such as topology and probability.

Goggles protect Mrs. Patricia Dove as she prepares for chemistry lab work with acids and bases





Chemical reactions are recorded by David Sornells as Kevin Humphries and Barry Carter observe characteristics of the reactions.

Projects were not only a major learning tool in mathematics but also were emphasized in science classes. In the spring, science students completed projects with winners selected at each grade level.

Eighth grade science consisted of extensive lab work with emphasis of metric measurement. Biology classes studied the traditional curriculum along with taking a spring field trip to Glen Maury Park for biological observations. The physics class, with only eight students, used new textbooks which introduced a projects approach to the course. Astronomy was a component of the physics curriculum for the first time and was the core of study during second quarter.

As the science department added to its curriculum, it eliminated one phase of its previous program. The science club was deleted as interest and participation in the club subsided.



Math games are a Christmas vacation treat for algebra classes. Mrs. Jennie Floyd leads out papers while Kim Burch and Teresa Davis enjoy the party.



A holiday project for geometry students is creating tree ornaments from basic geometric shapes. The projects are displayed on the classroom door.

Taking notes keeps biology students Debbie Cash, Kim Burch, Teresa Davis, and Donna Moore moderately busy as they prepare for their field trip to Glen Maury Park.



Politics remains central issue

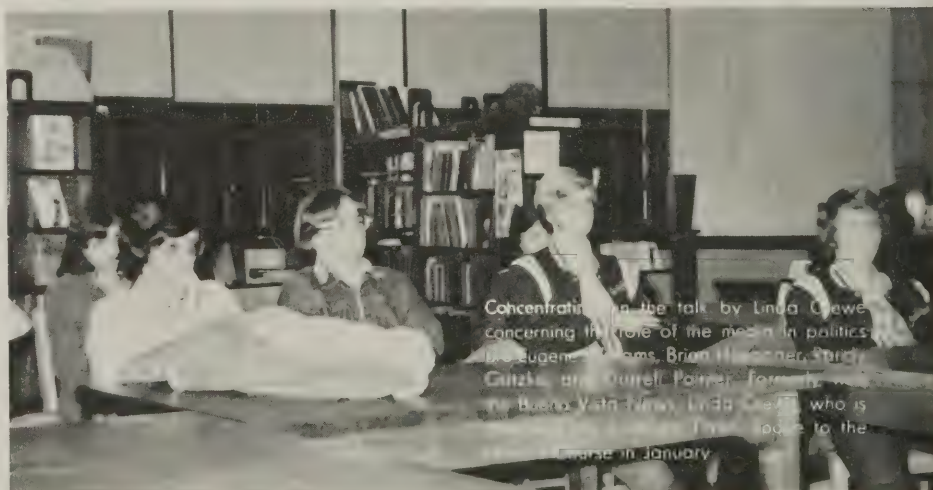


Replicas of buildings throughout America's history dominate the history projects in the library. Alvin Rivers looks over the projects done by the juniors.

With a voting booth outside the auditorium, the actual election took place at the school along with mock elections in government classes.

In the aftermath of Watergate, politics remained a central issue. A group of selected juniors and seniors attended an honors course entitled "Seminars in Practical Politics." The class, sponsored by Mr. Harry Wolfe, met with a different speaker each week. The speakers, who ranged from a labor official to a state senator, discussed their views in politics and were usually subjected to a critical question-and-answer session by the students.

The students in the honors course were not the only ones concerned with politics. National issues such as bussing and unemployment were discussed as presidential campaigns and primaries filled the headlines. Closer to home, a 5% cut in state funds for education brought the threat of cutting teachers' salaries in the city. In April, local politics erupted as the city manager, Harold Gesell, was dismissed by the city council after several months of rising tension.



Concentrating on the talk by Linda Crews concerning the role of the media in politics are Eugene Adams, Brian H. Garner, Sandy Gutzke, and Gurell Pomeroy. Formerly, with the Board of Education, Linda Crews, who is now a teacher, spoke to the class in January.

A cold, windy day finds Mark Wright, Jane Radick, and Trevania Fitzgerald in Staunton on a history field trip to see the movie "Spirit of 1776."



Both juniors and seniors developed political awareness at all levels of government. Political upheaval in local government and the campaigning of government teacher W.D. Ward for city council prompted numerous seniors to register to vote. Seniors also were interested in state affairs. When discussing the General Assembly, they were visited by Representative "Bunny" Gunn.

Meanwhile, juniors looked at national and international concerns. Stephan Moore, Darrell Painter, and Keith Hickman attended a Mock United Nations Convention at VMI in the spring. Representing Italy, the juniors discussed world problems such as food shortage and the Middle East crisis.

Juniors also learned that the human frailty of national leaders was present even before Watergate. Interested juniors who traveled to Staunton to see the movie "Spirit of 1776" realized that famous Americans were hardly super-human as recorded in history books.



Rhetoric is the topic for John Sullivan of UVA as he speaks to the Honors Course.

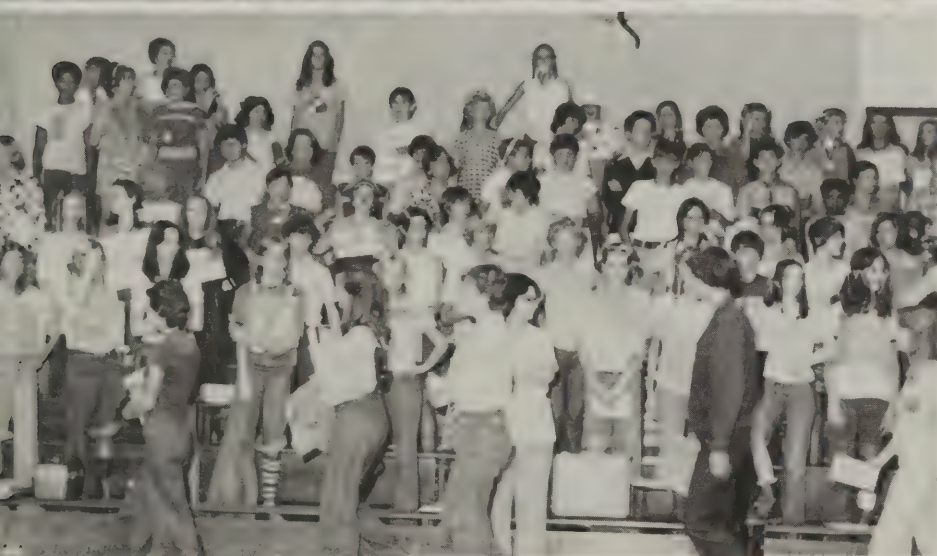
Representative to the House of Delegates, "Bunny" Gunn addresses the seniors about the current fiscal problems of the Virginia General Assembly.

We've got spirit

The fly-eater, David Holladay scans the room for prey. David, a freshmen, was active in several Drama Club productions, including "Seven Wives of Dracula."



in our IDENTITY



School spirit radiated as each person proudly linked himself with the school. Cars displayed school stickers and letter jackets flashed the name "Fighting Blues."

Everyone connected with the school experienced the sense of belonging as an individual and as part of a group. The eighth graders entered the new world as they suffered through Rat Week together. Freshmen grasped a security from no longer being at the bottom of the totem pole. Sophomores shared waiting for behind-the-wheel training and the cherished driver's license. Juniors reached a peak in identity as they ordered class rings together, but each expressed his individuality as he personalized his ring. When rings arrived, each junior proudly displayed his emblem of belonging. But, the ultimate thrill of junior status was attending the prom after creating it.

The final phase of belonging was enjoyed by seniors, who had special privileges such as leaving class early for lunch. The ordering of graduation announcements, and caps and gowns made the anticipated finale evolve into reality.

The faculty was not divorced from the prevalent spirit of identity. The female faculty united as they wore football uniforms for a day during Spirit Week, and as they played the girls' volleyball team in a charity game. The male members of the faculty also joined together against the baseball team in a spring game. The majority of the faculty was young in age and all enjoyed the spirit of youth.

During Spirit Week, the female faculty members united in wearing football uniforms for their Halloween costumes. The eleven spirited women are: **Front:** Miss Janet Hedrick, Mrs. Joan Emmer, Miss Lynne Alvine, Mrs. Patricia Dove, Mrs. Doris Higginbotham. **Back:** Mrs. Gerri Pryor, Mrs. Pat Hepler, Mrs. Betty Teague, Mrs. Mary Burks, Mrs. Dawn Dickinson, and Mrs. Mary Page Stinnett

The humiliation of Rat Week continues as the eighth graders stand for the seniors at the Magazine Drive Assembly.

Hard work instills the sense of belonging in juniors Lori Thompson, Julie McManamay, Mike Bailey, and Patti Ayers, as they paint prom murals.

Mr. James C. Bradford, superintendent of Buena Vista Public Schools, spent most of his time working in the school board office.

Mr. Raymond C. Leadbetter was principal and was earmarked as the middle school principal beginning in 1976. His wife, Wanda, taught night classes at the high school.

Mrs. Betty Bailey and Mrs. Doris Higginbotham handled the day to day chores of issuing permission slips, keeping organizational funds straight, and managing other administrative duties.

The Cafeteria Staff in cooperation with the SCA worked to provide students and faculty with better lunches.

Between performances at Band Day, **Mr. Bradford** takes time to chat with band director **Phil Green** and previous band director **Landon Temple**.

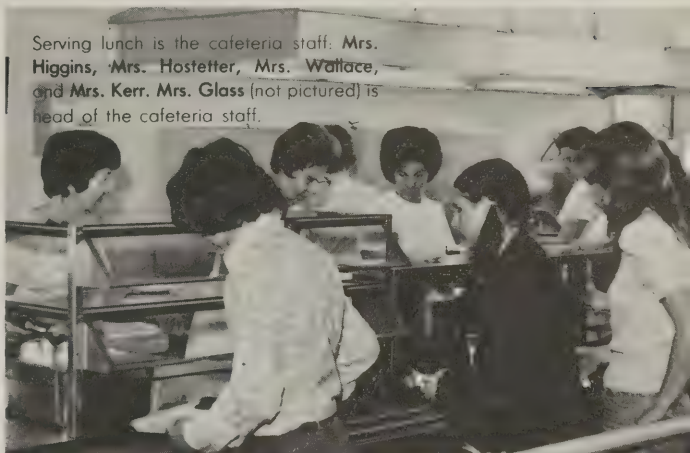


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During French class, **Mr. Leadbetter** evaluates Mr. Gravatt, while inspiring good student behavior.



Serving lunch is the cafeteria staff: **Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hostetter, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Kerr.** Mrs. Glass (not pictured) is head of the cafeteria staff.

AND SLENDER



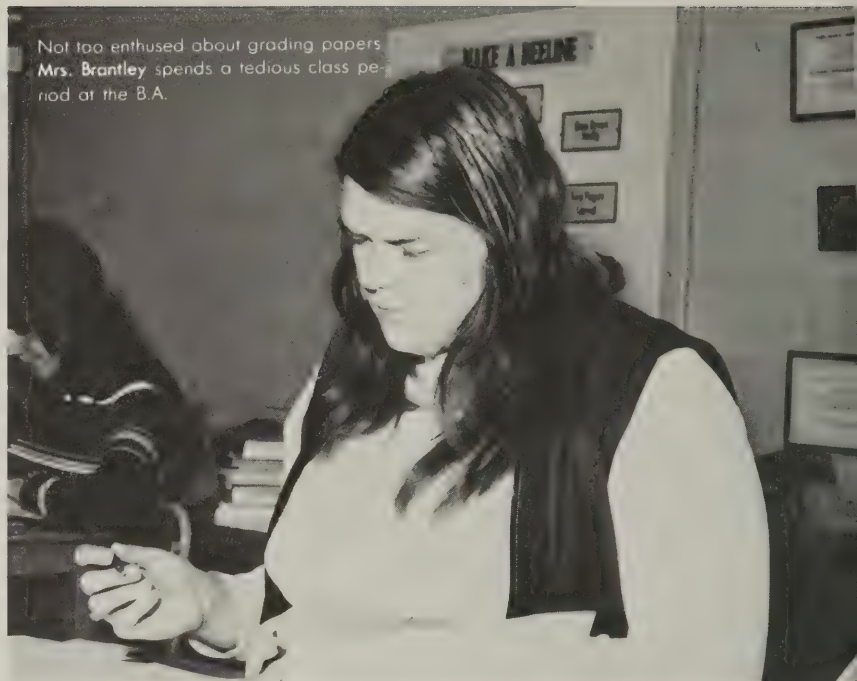
Mr. Wayne D. Flint was assistant principal and would become principal in the fall of 1976. His nickname, the "Pink Panther," was derived from the natural coupling of his slinky, sly reputation of school disciplinarian and his favorite attire, a light pink suit.

Mr. Clayton Camden, Director of Instruction, was vital in the arrangement of curriculums. He also announced at all home football games.

Mrs. Judy Cash, guidance office secretary, handled the chore of typing exams and other learning materials. Mrs. Cash also typed all athletic programs and anything else brought into the office.

The Janitorial Staff was responsible for keeping the facilities in first-class operating condition.

Mrs. Sadie Wheeler was responsible for keeping the school clean and sanitary. Her major complaint was cleaning drowned cigarette butts from sinks in the girls' bathroom.



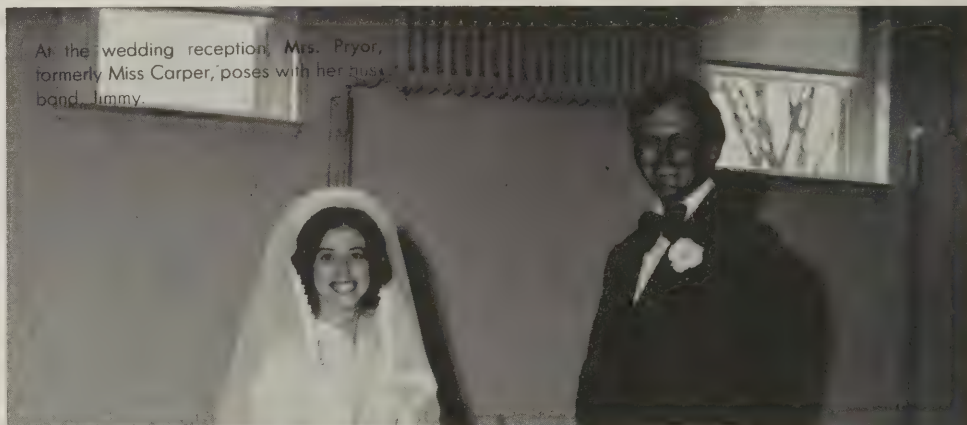
CARPER BECOMES

Miss Lynne Alvine took over the Drama Club and was chairwoman of the English department. She taught English literature and creative writing and coached girls' basketball. Making people laugh was her specialty.

Mrs. Sandra Brantley taught clerk typing, general business, and clerical accounting. She was a sponsor of the FBLA and Senior Class. She liked to spend time with her husband Bill and her dog Tippy.

Mrs. Mary D. Burks was the guidance counselor for juniors and seniors and was sponsor of the SAS. She has two sons, Ben and Bob, in the sixth and eighth grades respectively.

Mr. Kerry Camper was j.v. football coach and assistant varsity basketball coach. He taught eighth and ninth grade physical education and eighth grade science. He has two sons in high school, Darrell and Landon, who are both outstanding wrestlers.





Career Day begins with **Mrs. Burks** introducing the speakers to the student hosts and hostesses.

With hopes for a perfect season, **Coach Camper**, holding the tee, watches intently the action against Riverheads.



TRUE HOMEMAKER



Taking
Cash for
sponsor
Pogean

An excellent woman, Miss Geraldene Carper, is the wife of James Pryor. She and her new husband moved into their home and she became a true homemaker. She taught upper-level home economics and sponsored the FHA.



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Mrs. Sally Carter was the art teacher and sponsor of the Art Club. Her husband Alvin owned and operated Alvin-Dennis, a Lexington men's store. She, her husband, and their three daughters lived near Lexington.

Mr. Everett "Dick" Cash, typing and bookkeeping teacher, owned a cattle ranch in Vesuvius. He was often referred to as "Buddy" or humorously as the "Mayor of Vesuvius". Mr. Cash and his wife had a new addition to their family, a son.

Mr. Claude "Chick" Crawford, health and physical education teacher, was head basketball coach for the second year and was the new baseball coach. He and his family moved into their new home on Maple Avenue and no longer commuted from Staunton daily.

Mrs. Dawn Dickinson, eighth and eleventh grade English teacher, sponsored the Rats. Along with her husband and newborn son, Robbie, she followed her brothers, Barry and Keith Staton, in their high school athletic careers.

Mrs. Patricia Dove, chemistry, physics, and physical science teacher, was sponsor of the Junior Class, which meant spending many hours on prom preparations.

Mr. Dave Ellison, world history and eighth grade mathematics teacher, was assistant football coach, and head wrestling coach.

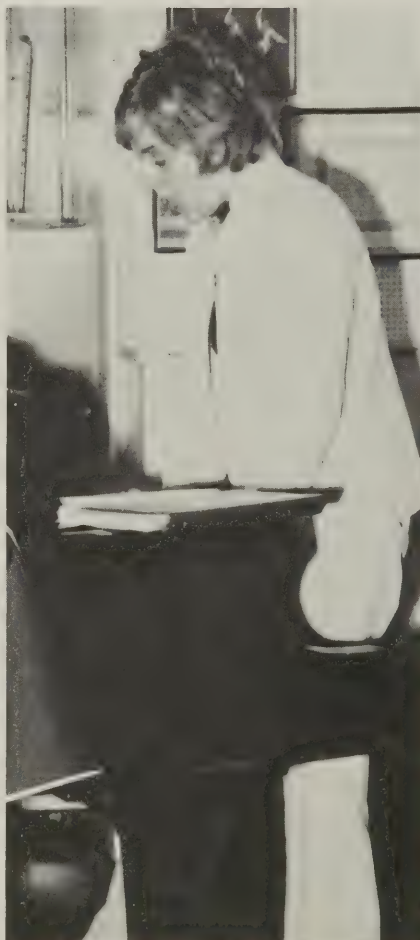
Mrs. Joan Emmer, drivers' education, physical education, and health teacher, was sponsor of girls' athletics, cheerleading, and intramural sports. She was often seen at activities accompanied by her husband, Jack, lacrosse coach at W&L.



ELLISON LEADS



Chewing on a "Sugar Daddy", Mrs. Emmer applauds a good play at the boys basketball game against Wilson Memorial, which was last 67-57.



Playing the opening to a selection, Mrs. Faulkner prepares the chorus for the Christmas concert. Anxiously waiting for the Miss PMHS pageant to begin, Mrs. Floyd takes a look inside the auditorium at the capacity crowd.





Sitting on the floor between chemistry tables, Mr. Ellison's mid-morning snack is interrupted when Mrs. Dove seizes what is left of the seven-course gourmet lunch.



Keeping a close watch on the time, Coach Ellison runs another hard practice to prepare the grapplers for the state tournament.

VICTORIOUS GRAPPLERS



Mr. Ellison, Jimmy Co. waits. Mrs. Dove is watching the giving of...



Mrs. Carol Faulkner became choral music director in her first year at Parry McCluer. During the year, she played the organ for several community churches.

Mrs. Elsie Floyd, shorthand and business teacher, was COE coordinator, sponsor of the FBLA, and of the Senior Class. Being gifted in music, she often sang at community functions.

Mrs. Jennie Floyd, algebra and advanced math teacher, was sponsor of the National Honor Society. She and her son Jeff spent much of the summer swimming at Glen Maury Park.

Mr. Ronald Gravatt, French and Spanish teacher, was co-sponsor of the Foreign Language Club and sponsor of the Hi-Y. During the spring break he accompanied Elizabeth Baldwin and Nancy Greene to Canada.

Forcing his way to the fondue bowl at the German dinner, **Mr. Gravatt** interrupts Perry Knight, who is telling one of his jokes, while Pam Sandidge and Lem Byers look on.

During a quick game of chess in the lunch room, **Mr. Gravatt's** opening moves seem to be overwhelming the defense of his opponent, Alvin Rivers.

Following the directors' meeting, **Mr. Green** briefs band students before their competition in the Lynchburg Classic. Preparation for the regional wrestling tournament is made by **Coach Hamilton**. **Chris Irvine** and **Steve Slagle** observe as he letters the tournament chart.



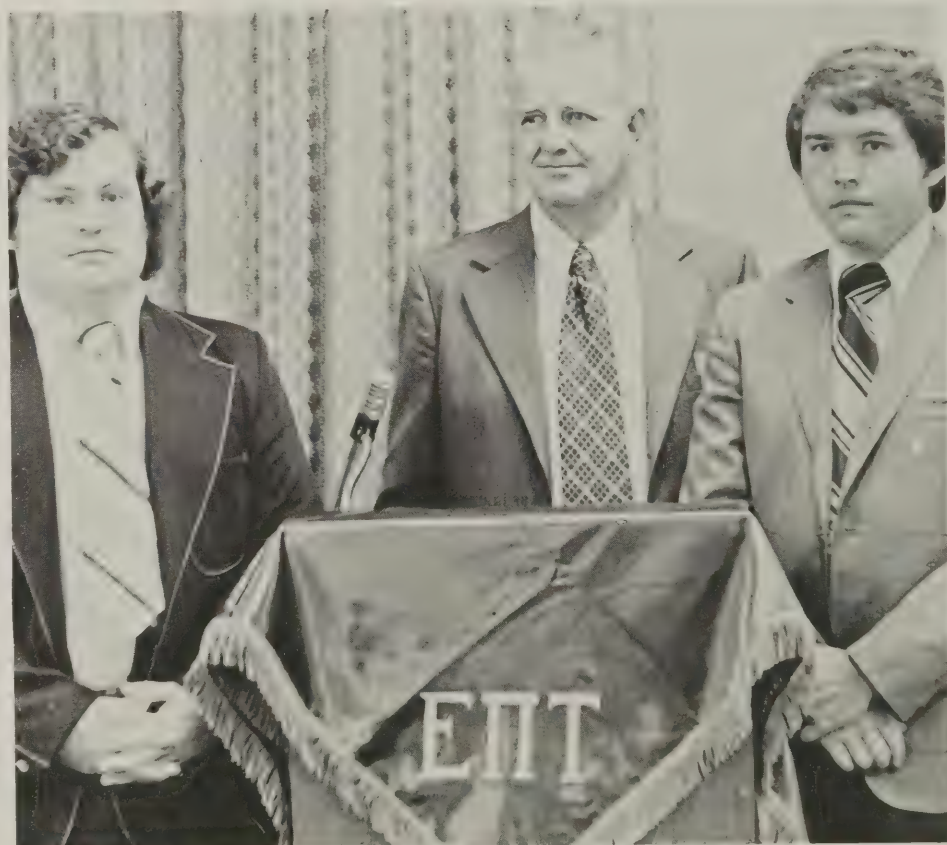
INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Mrs. Lucille Jenkins, special education aide, enjoyed sewing, reading, and swimming in her spare time. However, in the fall she spent much of her time preparing for her daughter's wedding.

Mr. Ward Lockett coached golf and industrial arts. When he wasn't fishing, hunting, or making furniture, he could be found taking tickets at the gym door at athletic events.

Mrs. Lois Long, assistant librarian, relished being outdoors: riding her bike, taking a leisurely stroll, or riding in the country.

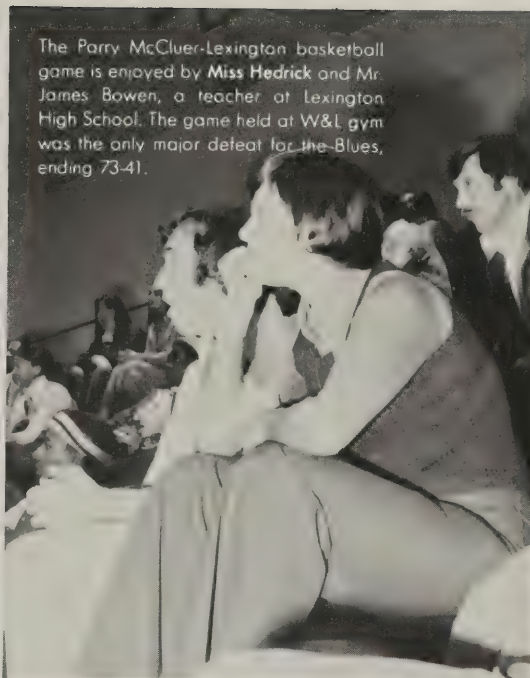
Mr. Albert McCown taught mechanical drawing and industrial arts, while holding the position of athletic director. His teenage daughter, Lisa, attended Lexington High and often accompanied her father at athletic events.



Induction of three teachers into Epsilon Pi Tau, an honorary fraternity for industrial arts instructors, distinguished Parry McCluer as the only high school in the state whose department had been so honored. The teachers are **Marshall Hamilton**, **Albert T. McCown**, and **Ward Lockett, Jr.**



Demanding a student for rinsing her instead of a car, Miss Hedrick supervises a car wash, the first of many Parry McCluer-Marymount projects.



The Parry McCluer-Lexington basketball game is enjoyed by Miss Hedrick and Mr. James Bowen, a teacher at Lexington High School. The game held at V&L gym was the only major defeat for the Blues, ending 73-41.

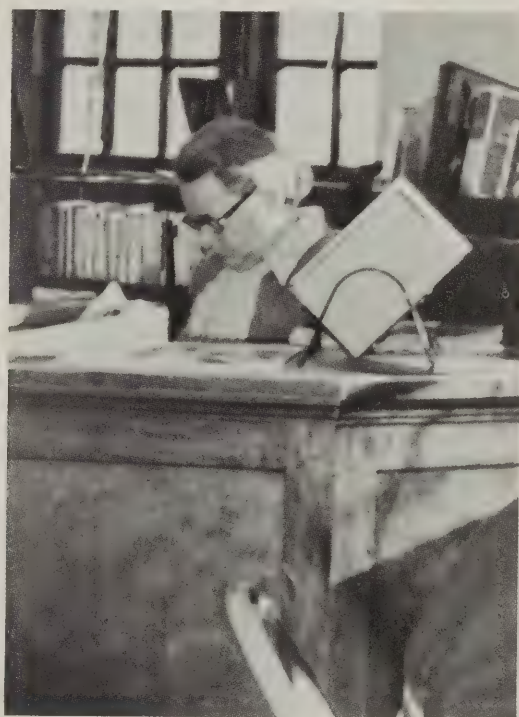
Mr. Phil Green spent his first year at Parry McCluer as band director. Living across the street from the school was convenient, as he spent many hours preparing the band for the trip to Florida in March.

Mr. Marshall Hamilton was assistant coach of the wrestling team and communication teacher. His family grew with the addition of a third child, his first son.

Miss Janet Hedrick, geometry and algebra-trig teacher, was sponsor of the yearbook. She enjoyed sewing, and sports spectating, when she could find free time.

Mrs. Pat Hepler was very active within the community of Glasgow, particularly in her church. She taught consumer education and homemaking education, while sponsoring the FHA and instructing an adult night class.

STAFF HONORED



Learning the basics of garment construction, Sheila Coleman is assisted by Mrs. Hepler. Guidance from Mrs. Jenkins is given to Jane Sanderson and Doug Cash as they work on consumer education. Reading a book while supervising students passes the time for Mrs. Long, library aide.

Miss Johanna Ravenhorst, librarian, moved from her home in Lexington into an apartment. Her father, an architect, designed the new elementary school.

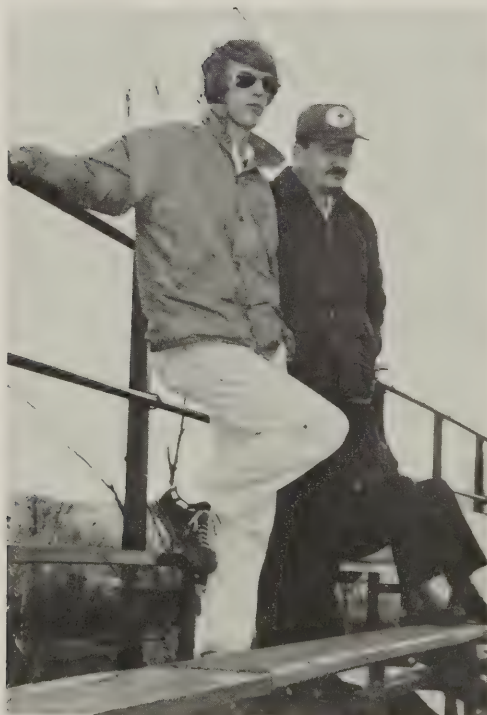
Mr. Kenneth Reed, German and sociology teacher, was co-sponsor of the SCA and of the Foreign Language Club. He was also the leader of the European Tour Study Group. As singer and guitarist in a rock group, he spent much time on the road.

Miss Cynthia Reid, girls' track coach and Pep Club sponsor, spent much of her time with students, enjoying school functions. She taught English 9 and English 10.

A daily routine is performed as Miss Ravenhorst shelves newly returned books.

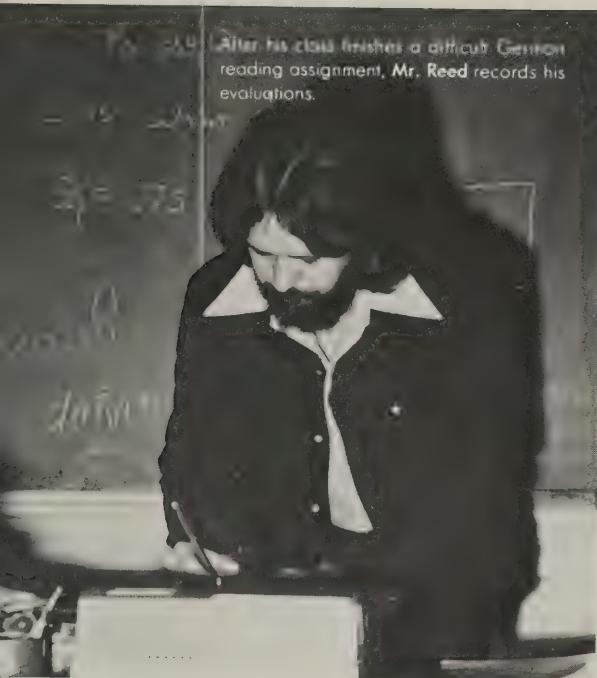


REED ENCOURAGES



Watching future prospects, Coach Sams along with Jimmy Pelter witnesses the Baby Blues' only defeat, against Riverheads. During a break in the action at a wrestling match. Mr. Scott makes a quick announcement while Tim Knick makes an adjustment on the scoreboard.





After his class finishes a difficult German reading assignment, Mr. Reed records his evaluations.



During a halftime or a TV basketball game, Miss Reid finds time to clown around.

FOREIGN TRAVEL



Mr. Michael Sams was assistant football coach and taught U.S. History and civics. Walking Brandy, his dachshund, was one of his afternoon pastimes.

Mr. James Smals, biology and earth-science teacher, was sophomore sponsor. His gospel singing group sang at the Thanksgiving assembly. His hobbies in addition to the quartet, were gardening and raising bees.

Mr. Walter Scott was often found at athletic events either announcing or helping out at the refreshment stand. Much of his time was spent outside of the classroom coordinating jobs for his distributive education students.

Mrs. Margaret Smith, guidance counselor, was co-sponsor of the SCA. Her hobbies included bowling, gardening, and other activities with her family.

On Fifty's Day, Mr. Smals models two pieces of his three-piece suit.

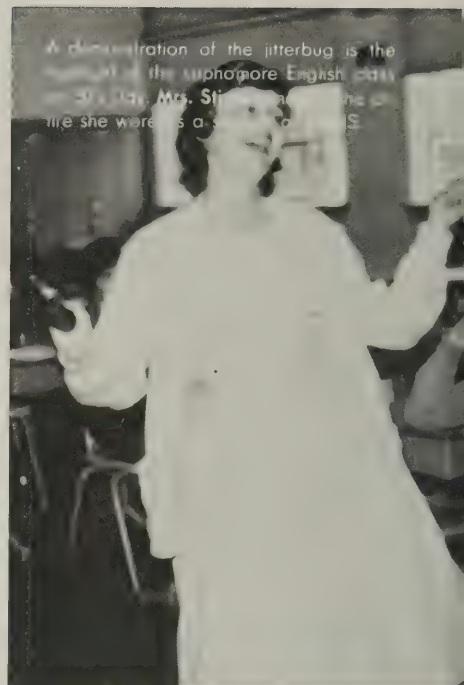
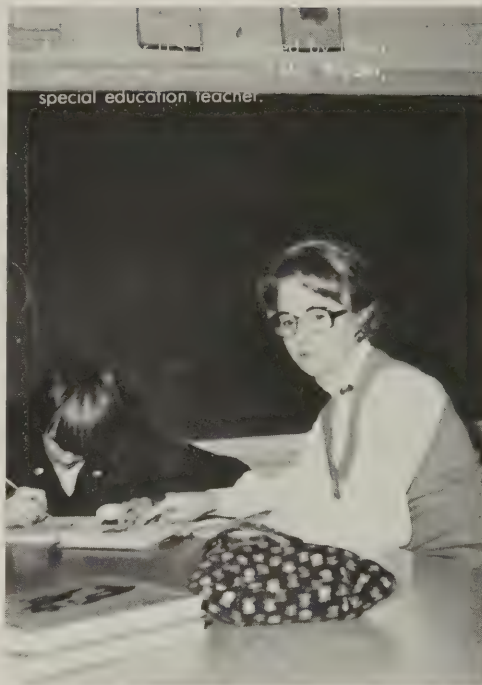
One of the many Career Day hosts, Stephan Moore receives refreshments from Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Nancy Snyder and her family moved back to town where her husband opened two new restaurants. She taught special education.

Mrs. Mary Page Stinnett, sophomore English teacher and sponsor, is a native of Buena Vista. An avid outdoorsman, she enjoyed camping with her husband and three children.

Mrs. Betty Teague and her husband enjoyed attending sports events with their daughters, Tracey and Emily. She sponsored the SCA and taught eleventh-grade English.

Mr. Jerry "Bo" Tutt, a former player under Coach Crawford, worked with the athletic program as j.v. basketball coach. He taught general math as a new faculty member.



WARD CAMPAIGNS

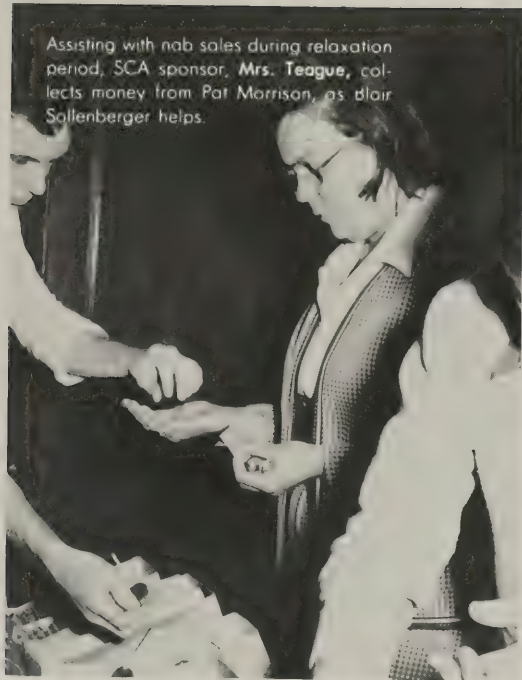


On Labor Day Mrs. Ward assists the Democratic candidates with their campaigns at Glen Maury Park



Checking the stop watch, Coach Williams confers with Coach Ward during an indoor track meet at the VMI field house.





Assisting with nab sales during relaxation period, SCA sponsor, **Mrs. Teague**, collects money from Pat Morrison, as Blair Sollenberger helps.



Timeout means strategy changes for the Baby Blues as **Coach Tutt** instructs Rob Fabrizio, Timmy Lynn, Garrett Bain, and Brian Balser.

FOR COUNCIL SEAT



After the Shrine game, **Coach Williams** receives congratulations from the James River coach.

Waiting in the lunchroom for the students to arrive, **Mrs. Weigand** gets ready to take the lunch count, an important part of homeroom business.

Mrs. Betty Ward was sponsor of the freshmen class and taught earth-space science. She spent many hours on the political campaigns of various democrats including that of her husband.

Mr. W.D. Ward, U.S. Government and social studies teacher was coach of the track teams. In the spring he ran for a seat on the city council.

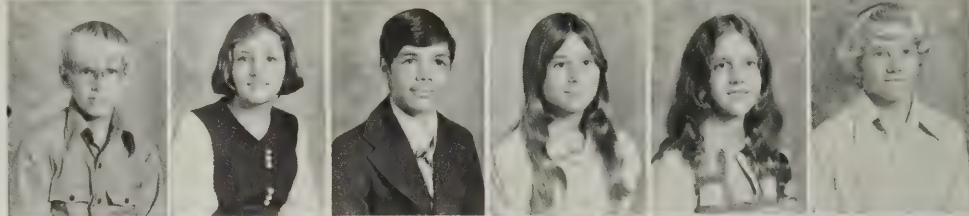
Mrs. Nancy Weigand, study hall proctor, maintained the proper atmosphere for study. In her spare time she enjoyed experimenting in the kitchen.

Mr. Bob Williams, ninth grade English and world history teacher was the head football coach and co-sponsor of the Monogram Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing golf.

Clifford Agnor
David Austin
Larry Austin
Debbie Ayres
Timmy Beverly
Nancy Bowyer



Bob Burks
Angie Byers
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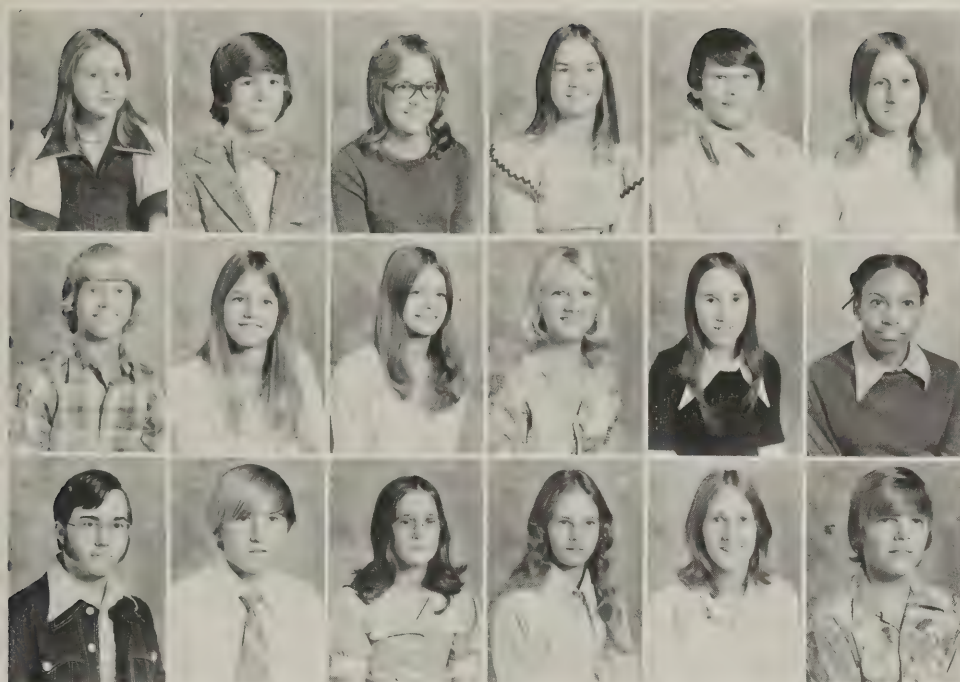


PIGTAILS, PACIFIERS,

Three days of harassment and torture seemed like eternity for the eighth graders during their initiation by the Seniors. The three days called Rat Week were characterized by extraordinary attire. The boys wore dresses and carried dolls, while the girls were banned from wearing makeup and curling their hair. Each Rat was ordered to wear a chunk of cheese and a pacifier around his neck. The dressing up portion of the week was enjoyable; however, meeting the demands of the Seniors was not as pleasant. Some requests were difficult to accept, especially ones such as rolling a moth ball down the hall with the nose.

Strange costumes, an essential part of Rat Week, are displayed by the Rats as they attend the Magazine Drive Assembly





Tambra Clements
David Coffey
Joan Coffey
Donna Coleman
Greg Coleman
Sheila Coleman

William Coleman
Jane Conner
Joan Conner
Pamela Davis
Sharon Davis
Connie Douglas

Kenneth Farley
Barry Ferguson
Kathy Ferguson
Barbara Fitzgerald
Jeannie Floyd
David Foshay

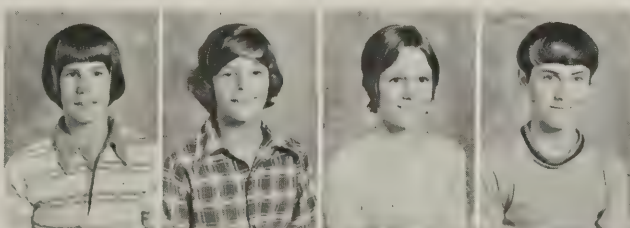
& PAINTED FACES



Pam Fox
Tony Fox
Tony Gardner
Debbie Garrett



Dina Garrett
Mike George
Dawn Gesell
Cindy Gilbert



Randy Gilbert
Ray Gilbert
Jeanne Glenn
Dale Grant



Charles Graybill
Angela Green
Judy Greene
Owens Hamilton

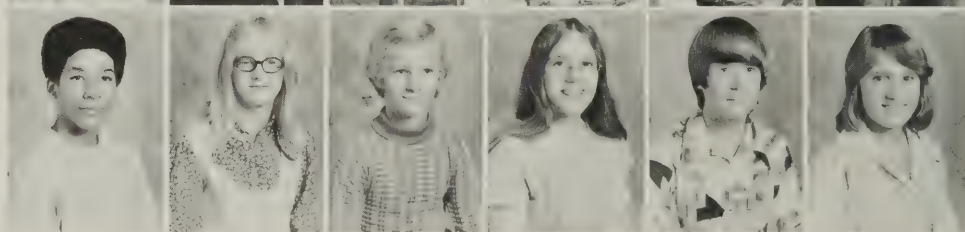
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Dennis Hawes
Carla Hayslett
Ellen Hickman
Timmy Jones



Monica Keiser
Jeff Kerr
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Laura Lynn



Rock Martin
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Pefie Maybush
Grace Mays
Neal McDaniel
Deanna Meade

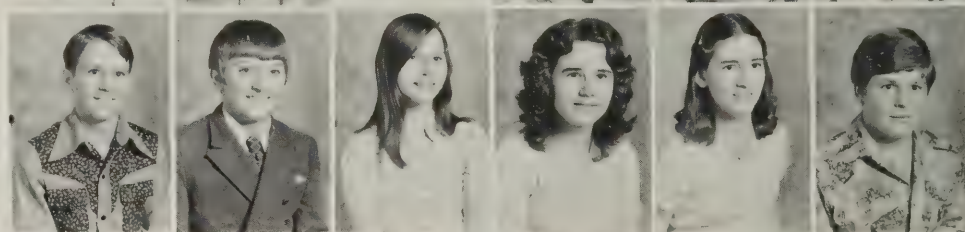


EXTERMINATING

Larry Moore
Sheila Moore
Pat Morrison
Nancy Newcomer
Vicky Noel
Stephen Nuckols



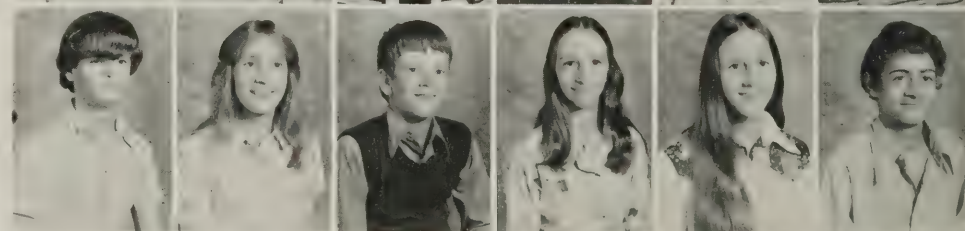
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James Paitzel
Joy Patterson
Libby Phillips
Linda Phillips
Phil Radick



Chris Ramsey
Pam Ramsey
Tricia Ramsey
Fred Renz
Karen Rice
Beth Rivers



Matt Roberts
Kim Saunders
Jeff Scott
Teresa Scott
Debbie Shanks
Dennis Shaw





Terry Slagle
Cindy Smith
Randy Smith
Roxie Snider
Laurie Soper
Donna L. Sorrells

Tammy Sterrett
Michael Taylor
Ricky Thorne
Melinda Tyree
Diane VanNess
Kerry Warner

Dana Webb
Sandra Wilhelm
Gene Wills
Kevin Wilmer
Chris Wright
Vanessa Wright

THE RATS



Throughout the years the tradition of Rat Week has been a memorable event for every eighth grader. Unfortunately, this tradition has reached its conclusion. The 1976 Eighth Grade Class had the distinction of being the last "Rats". A middle school was being created which would remove the eighth graders from high school.

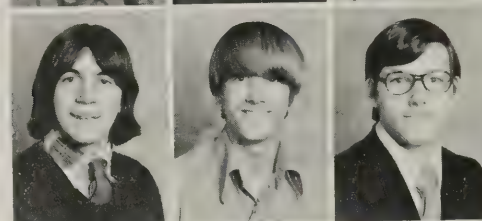
The impending creation of the middle school not only brought an end to Rat Week, but also brought changes to the customary curriculum. In the English program a strong emphasis was placed on reading. Dr. Joseph Mahoney, a reading specialist from VCU, visited the eighth graders to help with basic reading and study skills.

The SQ3R study method, introduced in English class, was utilized in other classes also. Joan Coffey and Laurie Soper attempt to use the method in science class, but find it difficult due to the course structure.

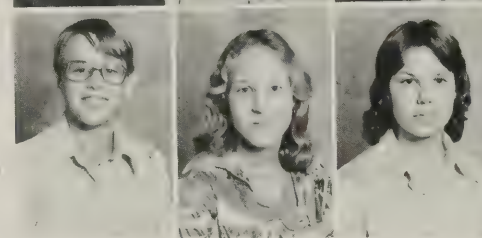
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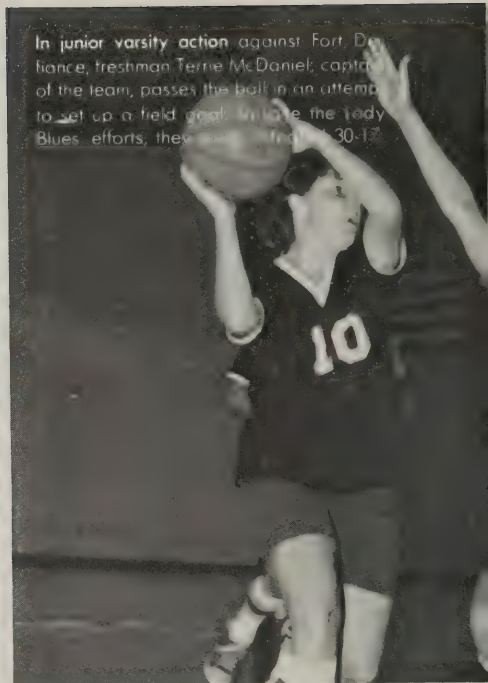
Tim Benson
Donald Beverly
Vincent Blackburn



Ricky Blevins
Jamie Bradford
Lee Bradford



In junior varsity action against Fort Du
hance, freshman Terrie McDaniel, captain
of the team, passes the ball in an attempt
to set up a field goal. In late the Lady
Blues' efforts, they won 30-13.



LEADING ATHLETIC

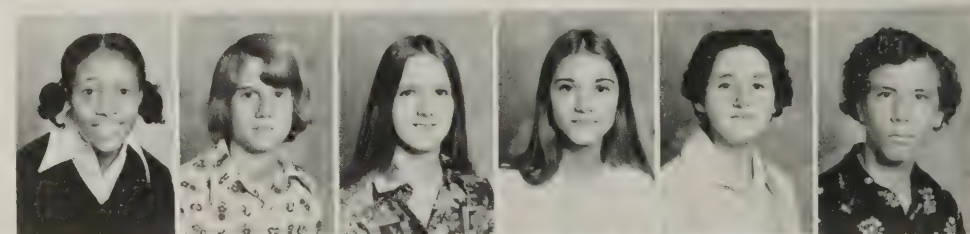
Mickey Branch
Bart Brantley
Danny Breeden
Lucinda Breeden
Angie Bryant
Steve Buchanan



Kim Burch
Missy Burch
Maury Byers
Kathy Camden
Claudia Carter
Pam Carter



Sandra Carter
Gary Cash
Jane Cash
Pam Chittum
Carla Clark
Sanford Clark



Stanford Clark
Tommy Clark
Johnny Cole
Karen Coleman
Larry Coleman
Anita Conner





Debbie Crawford
Eileen Crites
Brian Davis
Teresa Davis

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Terry Donald
Mac Dunlap
Danny Fauber

Sherry Figgers
Cheryl Fitzgerald
Linda Fitzgerald
Bubba Floyd

ROLES ARE CAST

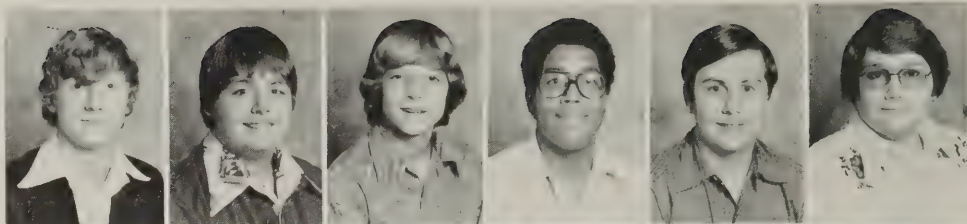


Many freshmen became actively involved in athletic programs this fall. Members of the Freshman Class made up the core of all junior varsity squads, including cheerleading, football, and basketball. In addition to taking key roles on junior varsity teams, the freshmen had participants in varsity activities also. Sandra Carter was an important player for the Lady Blues varsity basketball team, while the varsity football team included three freshmen players, and a freshman manager.

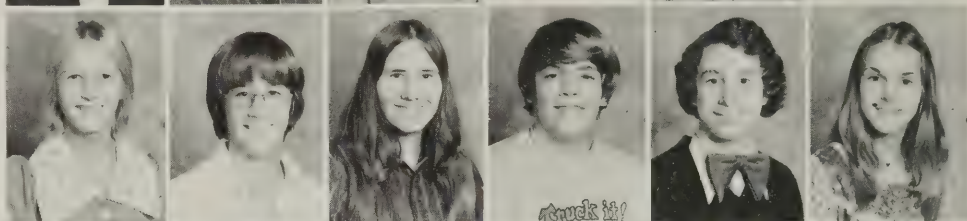
In early fall, the Freshman Class increased its bank account by winning \$20 in the magazine drive. Attempting to further boost the account, the class began selling fruitcakes at Christmas time. However, due to lack of participation, the venture was a losing one.

Getting ready for the first basketball game of the season always includes a pep rally. Freshman Tracey Stinnett screams as the junior varsity cheerleaders yell for victory against Rockbridge

Ricky Fox
Carson Gibson
Jeff Gilbert
William Godfrey
Jeff Grant
Daniel Hamilton



Lynn Hare
David Holladay
Lisa Huffman
Jim King
Jerry Knight
Teresa Lewis



Sherri Lilley
Cindy Lowe
Kathy Martin
Wayne Mazingo
Lil McClung
Steve McCormick



FRESHMEN TOP

Camilla McDaniel
Terrie McDaniel



Teresa Montgomery
Kevin Moran



David Ogden
Sue Paitsel



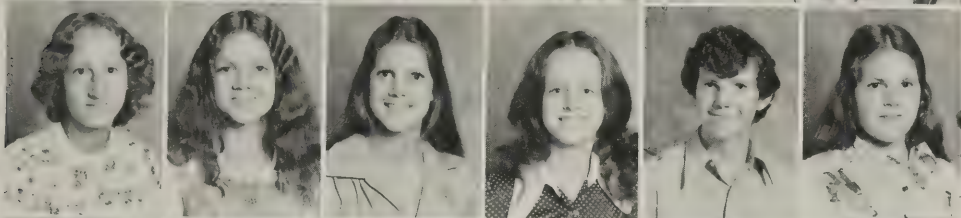
Jefflyn Parker
Frankie Roder



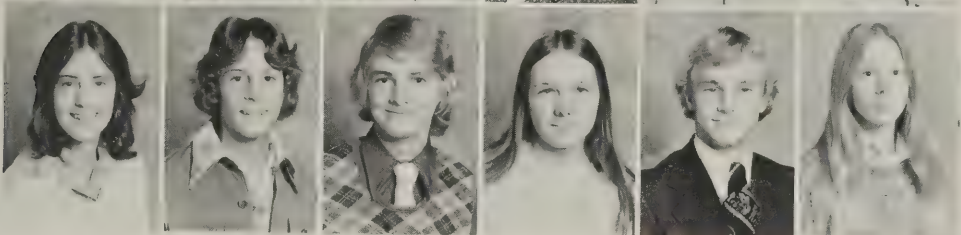
A check for \$20 is given to the Freshmen Class for highest total sales by any class in the annual SCA Magazine Drive. Ellen Radick, president of the class, accepts the check from SCA president, John Dyer.



Ellen Radick
Runt Ramsey
Franklin Roberts
Ricky Roberts
Tammy Scott
Lisa Seay



Donna Shafer
Debbie Shaw
Beth Shewey
Pam Shields
Timmy Slagle
Angela Sorrells

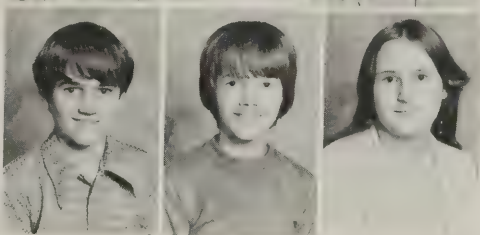


Donna Sorrells
Eric Staton
Jeff Staton
Sheila Staton
Timmy Stinnett
Tracey Stinnett

MAGAZINE SALES



Denise Taylor
Melinda Thomas
Kevin Thompson



Charles Toombs
Jimmy Tyree
Tammy Vest



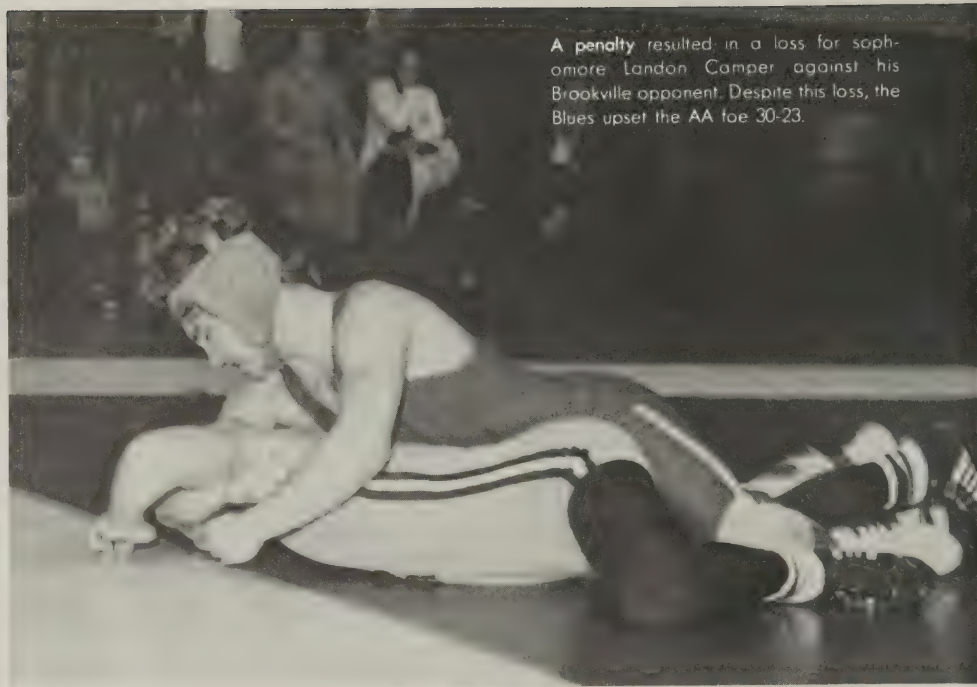
Terry Vest
Keith Walker
Robert Ward



Kaye Wheeler
Tammy Wheeler
Michelle Wilhelm

An examination of the rosters of all activities showed that the Sophomore Class led the way in participation. Athletic teams attracted numerous sophomores. For example, 50% of the wrestling team was from this class. Also, several outstanding football players were sophomores. Marty Carter was named all-area quarterback and Robbie Douglas, in his first four games, had accumulated approximately 500 yards.

Not only did sophomores dominate the rolls of athletic teams, but also those of the clubs. The most striking illustration of massive participation existed in the Hi-Y, which was comprised totally of sophomores.



A penalty resulted in a loss for sophomore Landon Camper against his Brookville opponent. Despite this loss, the Blues upset the AA foe 30-23.

MASSIVE

Crystal Acevedo
Robin Acevedo
Vicky Armstrong
Mitzi Austin
Garrett Boin
Elizabeth Baldwin



Greg Bartley
Gay Black
Anthony Blackburn
Debbie Blackburn
James Blevins
Pinky Brantley



Jackie Burch
Tammy Burch
Robbie Burnett
Lem Byers
Chris Byles
David Camden



Danny Campbell
Cindy Camper
Landon Camper
Debbie Carter
Marty Carter
Mike Cartolaro





Annie Cash
Debbie Cash
Larry Cash
Wade Cash
Kim Chittum
Timmy Chittum



Edward Coffey
Timothy Coffey
Ricky Coleman
Jane Cox
David Crites
Debbie Darlington



Tammy Davis
Lee Decker
Richard Dudley, Jr
Tracey Dudley
Libby Dunlap
Chuck Dyer

PARTICIPATION



A "Young Frankenstein" take-off by sophomores Jim Holladay and Rob Fabrizio testing the "Elium" gas present in the atmosphere of the laboratory.



Rob Fabrizio
Chris Fauber
Shelly Fauber



Rhonda Fields
Richie Fields
Alice Fitzgerald



Anthony Fitzgerald
Sandy Fitzgerald
Tommy Fox



Morgie Godfrey
Charlene Goodbar
Denise Greene

Nancy Greene
Nick Harris
Sandra Harrison
Joe Henson
Kenneth Hickman
Travis Hill



Winston Hite
Mitch Hoeppner
Jim Holladay
Bryan Hoos
Herbie Huffman
Valerie Humphries



Steve Hunt
Carson Irvine
Chris Irvine
Lisa Johnson
Kay King
Harold Knick



SOPHOMORES CREATE

Perry Knight
Brian Lamm
Sheba Lawhorne
Teresa Lawhorne
Sandra Lineberry
Richard Lonas
Timmy Lynn
Tim Mayes



John Mazingo
Cameron McDaniel
Hans Mohler
Steve Montgomery
Karl Moore
Donna Moore
Gloria Moore
M.C. Morris



Jan Newcomer
Alice Nowlin
Jerry Nuckols
Greg O'Connell
Tommy Patterson
Trish Perkins
Bryan Pooley
Lesly Ramsey



Jayne Roberts
Troy Royer
Chris Sanderson
Cindy Sanderson
Teresa Sears
David Shutt
Steve Slagle
Kathy Smith





Sharon Smith
Tommy Smith
Penny Staton
Bernadette Strickler
Ricky Taylor
Emily Teague

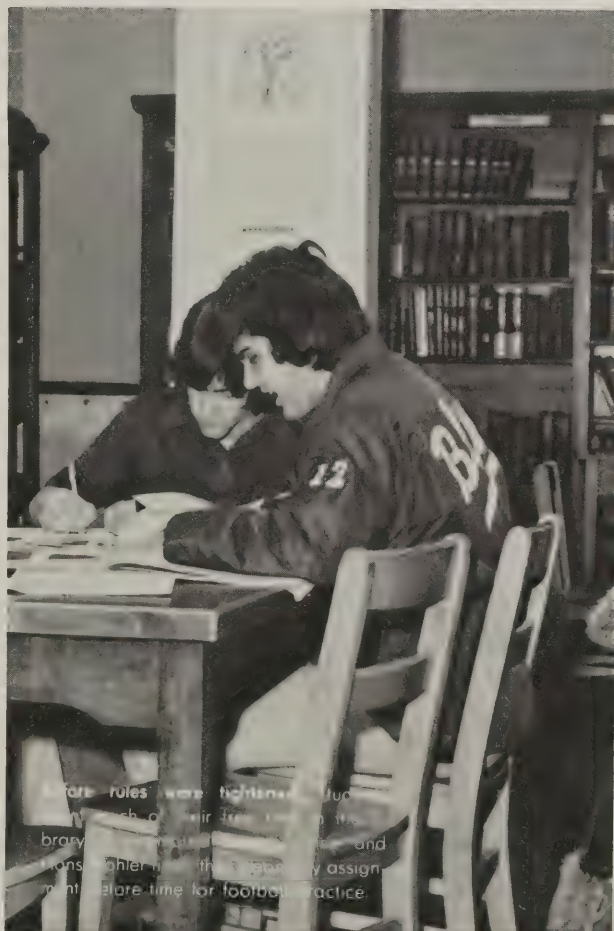


Ellen Thomas
Gale Vest
Grace Wagner
Mike Wheeler
Lee white
Roger Whiteside



Yancey Williams
Cynthia Winn
Sam Wright
Susan Wright
Barbara Zimbro
John Zimbro

CROWDED CLASSROOMS



Unusual situations occurred as a result of the size of the Sophomore Class. Totalling 25% of the student population, the sophomores often found themselves in crowded classrooms. Drivers' education classes were filled to the brim with sophomores anxiously awaiting the thrill of taking the road. Sophomores were also found in large number in geometry classes, not so anxiously awaiting another proof.

However, the size of the class proved advantageous. The class project of selling M&M's was promoted by all of the 126 members of the class, and therefore was successful. The class also united their efforts in sponsoring a Sadie Howkin's Dance in April. This occasion, which reversed the usual dating procedure, by permitting girls to ask guys out, was extremely appropriate during Leap Year.

Mark Adams
Joy Austin
Sheila Austin
Patti Ayres
Mike Bailey
Eddie Blevins



Debbie Bowyer
Penny Burch
Sandra Camden
Jerry Campbell
Barry Carter
Vickie Cartolaro



Ronald Cash
Teresa Cash
Mike Chittum
Brenda Clark
Pike Coffey
Debbie Coleman

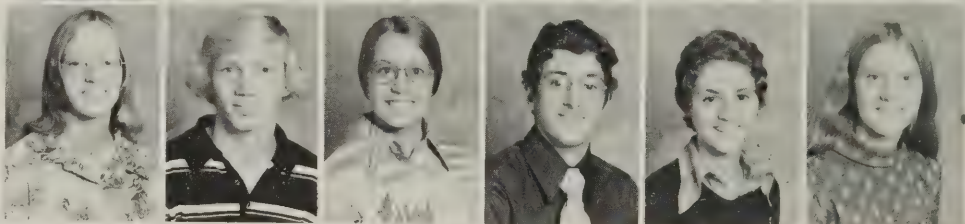


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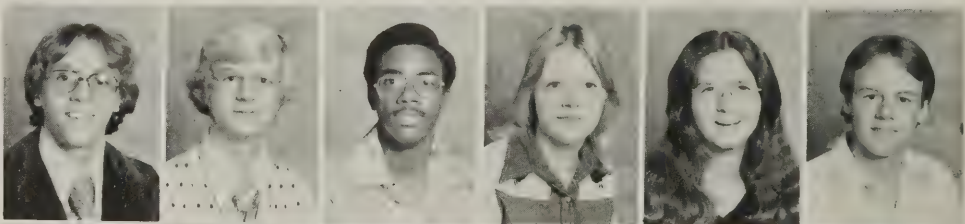
Johnny Coleman
Maria Coleman
Mike Coleman
Tim Coleman
Sheila Cropp
Martha Dickinson



Bridgett Duff
Pat Dyer
Boo Ewald
Keith Ferguson
Trevania Fitzgerald
Jane Ann Flesher



Dean Fox
Randy Gatzke
Edison Godfrey
Pam Green
Jo Hall
John Hamilton



Mike Hamilton
Pam Hamilton
Robin Hamilton
David Hammett
Cindy Hare
Susan Hawes





Early in the fall, the Juniors became frantic for moneymaking ideas as they realized they would need \$1100 to finance the prom and only had a balance of \$425.

The most popular idea discussed was a powder-puff football game between the Junior and Senior girls. Plans were made, but fell through.

The real reason the game was cancelled was not the alleged lack of interest but rather the lack of time, since the class members were involved in numerous activities, such as band and football.

In passing review, juniors Mark Adams and Jane Ann Flesher, salute the football fans. Mark and Jane Ann had the honor of leading the Marching Blues as drum majors

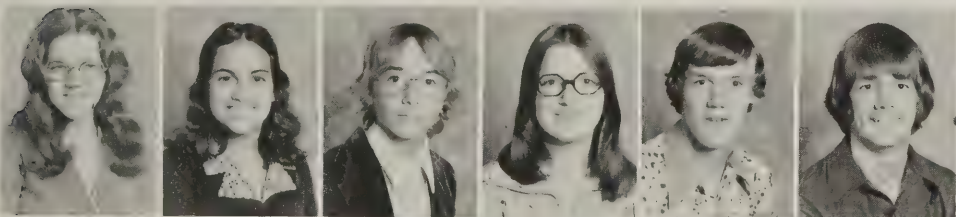
LACK OF INTEREST



Keith Hickman
Johnnie Higginbotham
Carolyn Hedrick
Danny Henson
Robbin Henson
Eyde Huffman



Terry Humphreys
Kevin Humphries
Dionne Jeffries
Richard Kennedy
William Keri
Garry Kidd



Beth Lawhorne
Ginger Lawhorne
Carl Lewis
Sharon Lineberry
Darrell Manuel
Gerald Martin



Julie McManamay
Paula Meade
Stephan Moore
Teresa Moran
Carolyn Nicely
Teresa Nicely

Despite money problems, the Juniors decided to carry out the tradition of the Junior Christmas Dance. Even though their intentions were good, their results were not as pleasing. Many students were disappointed because the band took numerous, lengthy breaks and played listening music rather than dancing music.

This "down" was soon forgotten as the Juniors were on a super "high" anxiously awaiting the arrival of their class rings. On the day the rings arrived, the Seniors honored the Juniors at the traditional Ring Dance.



The disappointment of the Christmas Dance is foreshadowed in Susie Hawes' expression as she decorates the auditorium beforehand with Garry Kidd looking on.

IT WAS A

Roy Nuckols
Darrell Painter



Angela Patterson
Mark Patterson



Roy Patterson
James Pelter



Mike Pelter
Brenda Phillips



Collecting the down payment for class rings from Carl Lewis, Keith Staton, and Gerald Martin, is Randy Gatzke, president of the Junior Class.



Jane Radick
Lisa Ramsey
Alvin Rivers
Tony Roberts
Lucy Rowsey
Karen Ruley

David Sandidge
Dennis Sandidge
David Slough
Teresa Slagle
Shena Slagle
Terry Smals

Blair Sollenberger
David Sorrells
Keith Staton
Sheila Stinnett
Mark Sutton
Lori Thompson

SEE-SAW YEAR



Paul Thompson
Debbie Toombs
Adrian Wade

Carol Wagner
Nannie Wheeler
Lisa Whitten

Karen Wilhelm
Timmy Williams
Blair Woodward

Debbie Wright
Mark Wright
Tim Vest

Vickie Lee Argenbright
David Lee Austin
Lori Ann Austin
Colleen Jean Bailey



Roxie Jo Berry
Timothy Alan Beverly
Charlene Kaye Bradley
Melinda Kathleen Brantley



PAYMENT IN FULL

Monica Gail Brown
Theresa Mae Bryant
Alan Brady Burch
Barbara Camden



Janice Faye Carter
Rita Machell Carter
Vicky Mae Carter
John Samuel Catlett



Doug E. Cash
Bobby Daniel Clark
Norah Evelyn Coffey
Deborah Ann Coleman

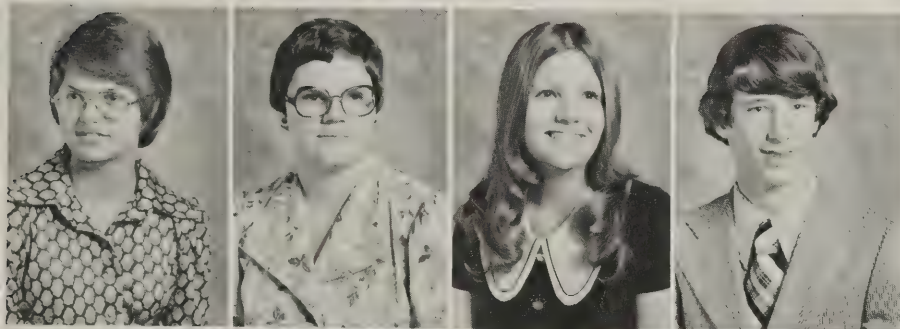


Senior status became a reality when Senior portraits arrived. Skip Ewald takes a few moments in homeroom to look at his newly received pictures.

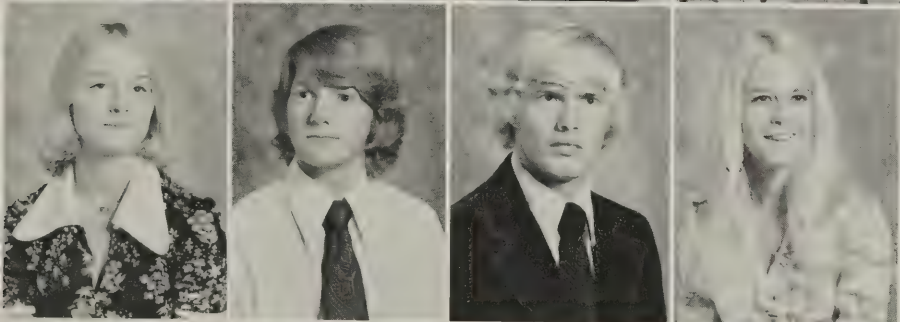
There's no real substitute for cold, hard cash when it comes to maintaining Senior status. Juniors realized how costly school could be when they had to reach deep into their pockets to pay for their class rings. But Seniors knew that Junior expenses were just small change, compared to the money they had to pay out. The Seniors thought the bills would never end—one day it was \$40 for Senior portraits, next it was \$30 for graduation announcements plus \$10 for cap and gown, and finally even 25¢ for a diploma seal.

As if they hadn't already paid enough, the college bound Seniors' expenses climbed even higher. With \$30 for testing and an average of \$15 for each application fee, the total soared. Indeed, to have graduated, "payment in full was required".

IS REQUIRED



Donna C. Coleman
Felicia Gay Coleman
Tina Dove Decker
Michael W. Dennis



Richerleen Dorey
William Randolph Dull
John Marcus Dyer
Linda Faye Dyer

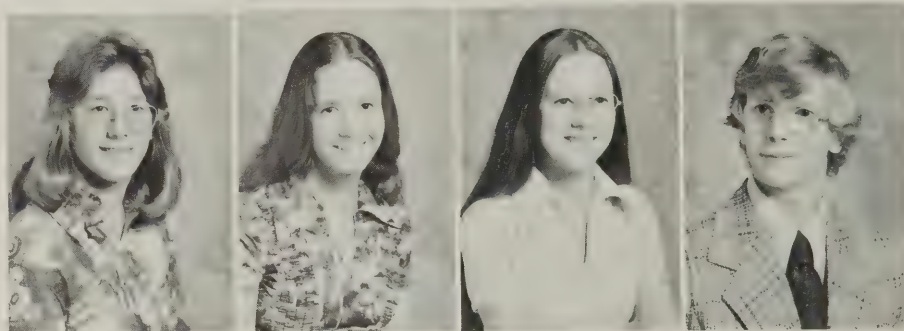


William H. Ewald, Jr.
Cindy Carlene Fitzgerald
Cynthia Denise Floyd
Debra Jean Floyd

Susan Foshay
Joseph Rockford Gearhart
Karen Lee Godfrey
Teresa Gay Graybill



Debby Lee Harris
Gail La-Ray Harrison
Joy Elaine Henson
Phillip Daniel Henson



WILLIAMS EXHIBITS

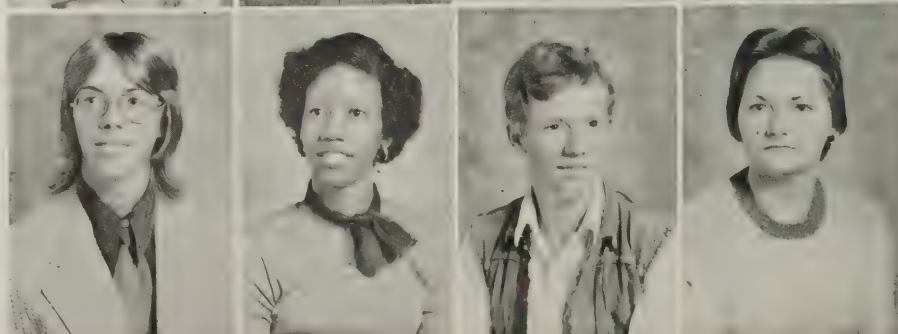
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Carl Martin Jackson
Lisa Diane Keiser

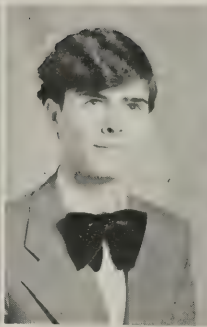


Barbara Lee Keyes
Tim Knick
Agnes Franceille Lyle
Rebecca Gilmore Lyle
Paul Magann

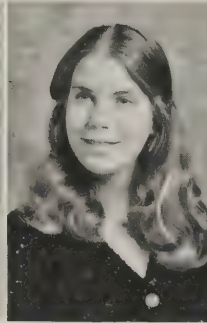


Clyde Raymond Martin
Leatrice Ellen Martin
Roger Victor Martin
Peggy Sue Mason
Rebecca Ellen Mays





Alice Lee McCormick
 Tony Lee McDaniel
 Gregory Lindwood Montgomery
 Anthony Teague Morrison



Andrea Denise Ogden
 Susan Ellen Olson
 Cynthia J. Page
 Ginger Ann Pelter

SCHOLASTIC MERIT



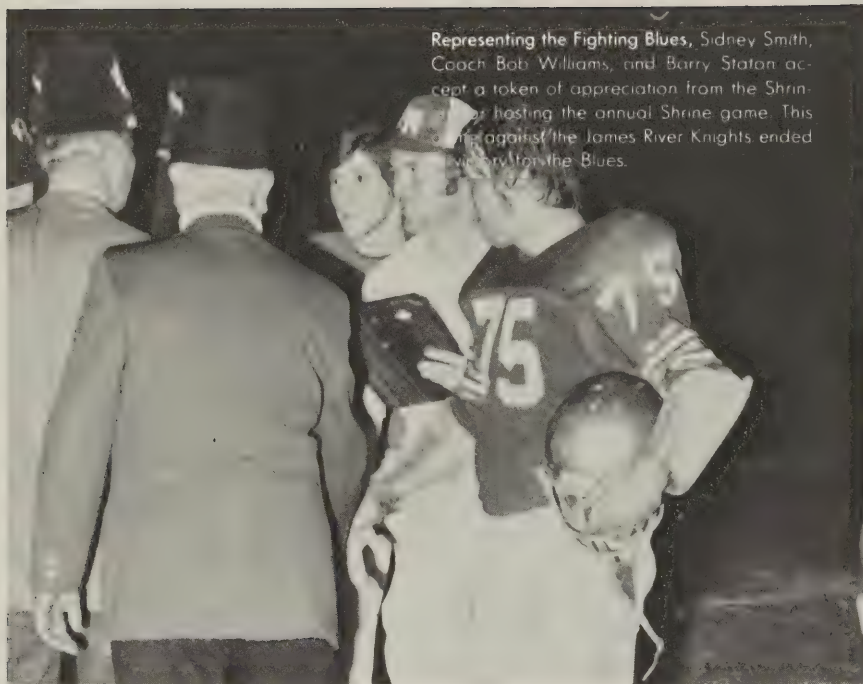
Gifted is the most appropriate description for senior Eugene Williams. As a result of his scholastic ability, he was selected to attend the Governor's School for the Gifted. Satisfying his curiosities about the world of science and mathematics, Eugene spent four summer weeks at the school, which was held at Mary Washington College.

However, this is only one of several honors Eugene has received. A letter of commendation for his performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test was presented to him in the fall. He also received awards in various math and science competitions.

Eugene is not only a scholar, but also a talented musician. He participated in concert and marching bands, receiving recognition in both. In marching band, he was featured soloist during halftime performances. During concert season he was selected to all-county and regional bands as a French horn player.

Eugene also had interests outside of the scholastic scope. Throughout the year, he enjoyed golfing, and in the spring was an active member of the golf team.

"The Way We Were" is played by featured soloist Eugene Williams during halftime of the Wilson Memorial football game.



Representing the Fighting Blues, Sidney Smith, Coach Bob Williams, and Barry Staton accept a token of appreciation from the Shrine for hosting the annual Shrine game. This game against the James River Knights ended in a victory for the Blues.



OUTSTANDING ATHLETES

"While it is easy to total the number of points scored in any game, or games, it is somewhat more difficult to measure the intangibles an individual can contribute to a team."

These words were chosen by Coach Lynne Alvine to describe the qualities demonstrated by Janice Carter. Janice had an outstanding career in girl's basketball, scoring a total of 1307 points in 55 games for an average of 23.6 points per game. The highlight of her career came in her Junior year when she led the Lady Blues to the district championship and to a second place finish in the state sectional playoffs.

Those intangibles, such as determination, sportsmanship, dedication, and leadership possessed by Janice were also displayed by an outstanding male athlete, Barry Staton. As a tri-captain of the football team, he played both offensive and defensive positions with exceptional ability. Barry was named to the all-district and all-area teams. From the area teams he was named Defensive Player of the Year. In addition to being an outstanding football player, Barry was also a talented wrestler.



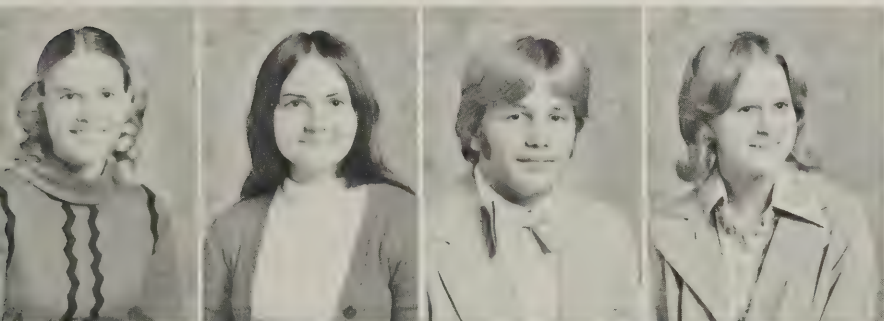


Bruce Alan Phelps
Nancy Lee Roberts
Tom Robison
Barbara Joyce Rowe
Jane Marie Sanderson
Pamelia Paige Sandidge



Wanda Gale Shafer
Cheri Dianne Shanks
Keith Junior Slagle
Kathy Jean Smals
Cynthia Leigh Smith
Sidney Smith

RECEIVE RECOGNITION



Elizabeth Ann Smoot
Keith Lynn Sorrels
Margaret Beth Southers
Barbara Jane Staton
Barry Glenn Staton
Helen Anitta Staton



Jennifer Ann Staton
Reneé Stinnett
Garry D. Taylor
Tracey Louise Teague
Cynthia Sue Tingler
Kenneth W. Tolley II



Susan Elaine Wagner
David Lee Wheeler
Dennis Jay Wheeler
Greg Allen Wheeler
Franklin Eugene Williams, Jr.
Norma Jean Wood

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Throughout the short history of Buena Vista, a spirit of unity has remained strong. The continuing support that businessmen have given young people emphasizes this sense of oneness shared by the community and the school.

The band, in past years, has been the most community-oriented school activity, receiving tremendous amounts of financial and moral support from the citizens of Buena Vista. In preparation for the Desoto Festival held in late March at Bradenton, Florida, Smith's Transfer emptied an entire warehouse for the Marching Blues to practice in, and WREL held a "radiothon" which raised over \$1300 dollars for the trip.

Other clubs have received help from area businessmen also. Countless car washes were held at Tommy Davis' Exxon. Mr. Davis charged absolutely nothing for the use of his facilities and even lent his own equipment for students to use. Other stores, such as Ace Hardware and Medical Arts Pharmacy, provided generous discounts to student organizations. Many other businesses lent merchandise to be used for drama props and for prom decorations.

The harmony within the city resulted not only from the community aiding the school, but also from the school aiding the community. Students provided businesses with help during Christmas and summer vacations. Young people were also active in civic organizations such as the fire department, the rescue squad, and the newly-organized Parent-Teacher-Student Association.

B.P. Knight & Company is the oldest operating store in the community. It was virtually the only business not flooded during Hurricane Camille, and thus was the major source of supplies for the needs of the community.

A major industry in the area Reeves Bros. Inc. produces rubberized products.

The newest store in the city, located in the Wilford P. Ramsey Shopping Park, Quality Supermarket maintains a complete stock of groceries and prepares fresh-baked goods daily in the only bakery in town.

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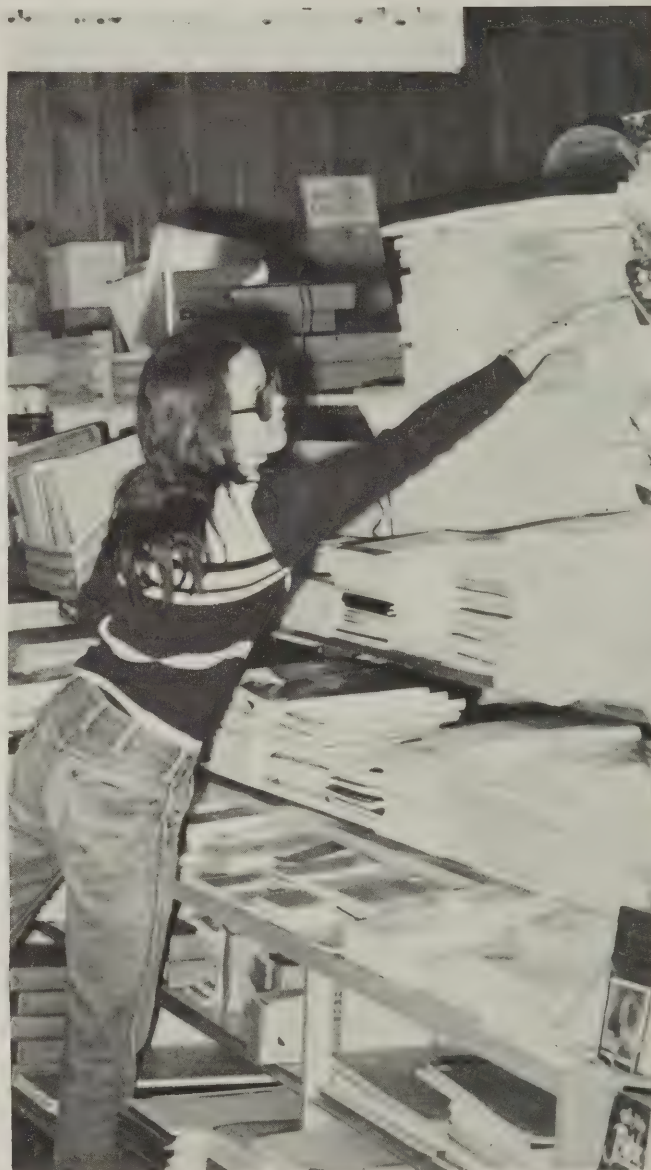
Service—Parts—Accessories



Natural
Bridge
Zoo



SEAY'S



A complete line of school supplies is found at Seay's Drug. Pam Shields finds what she needs, a package of notebook paper.

Offering the community a full line of cosmetics, office supplies, and pharmaceuticals, Seay's Drug Store also provides complete photo and prescription services. Located on Magnolia, next to Virginia Markets, Seay's also contains one of the most complete magazine racks in the area.



MODINE



In cooperation with the business department, area factories permitted students to learn office procedures. Senior Kathy Smals gains experience by performing clerical tasks at Modine during her scheduled hour.



BIG DEAL DRIVE-IN

At the foosball table practicing up for the weekend tournaments are Clifford Agnor and James Clark, while Roger Clark and his family are enjoying a night out

Located almost directly across from the municipal field, Big Deal is ideally situated to serve the youth of the community. Quick take-out food may be ordered from the outside windows, or meals may be ordered at the inside window, and eaten in the spacious dining area provided. This dining area is fully complimented with pinball machines, pool tables, a foosball table, and an air hockey table.

Student Cooperative Association

PARRY M. CLUER HIGH SCHOOL





Entering data in the books at Yelverton Cleaners is senior Gail Harrison. Dennis Sandidge straightens the boy's wear at Peebles Department Store. Both have these afternoon jobs as part of the D.E. program.



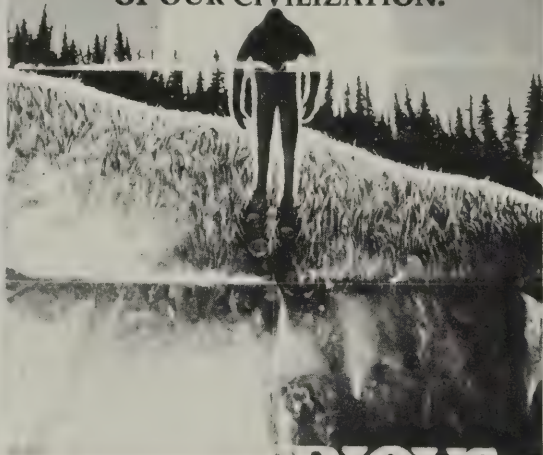
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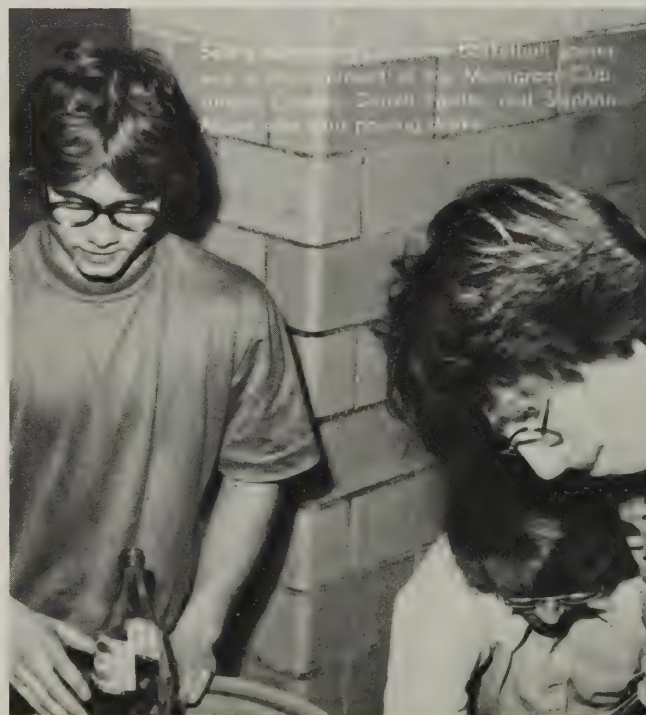
In search of formal wear and accessories of Dean Cain, Alvin
turned toward Alvin Bennett in Lexington, one of the area's leading
men's shops.

**SHERWIN
Williams**

Decorating Center

21 W. Nelson Street
Lexington, Va.
463-3021

Yelverton Cleaners



MONOGRAM



Buena Vista News



At the B.V. News office, the owner's daughter, Cindy Page, makes an important long distance phone call.



L. G. Balfour Company
Craftsmen Jewelry's Finest



THE TIME HAS
COME TO PUT
PRICE & PRIDE
TOGETHER
AGAIN



Super athlete, Jim Holladay displays some of Pres Brown's finest tennis equipment.

Many of the school's athletic purchases were made through Pres Brown's, a Lexington sporting goods store.

CHARLES BARGER



DAVIS EXXON

Preparing to rinse down another car, Mike Bailey takes hose in hand as Mike Dennis controls the water flow. The Primac car wash was just one of the many held Tommy Davis' Exxon throughout the school year. Mr. Davis repeatedly allowed his station to be used free of charge by various school organizations.



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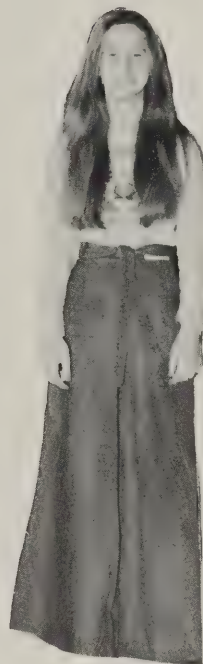
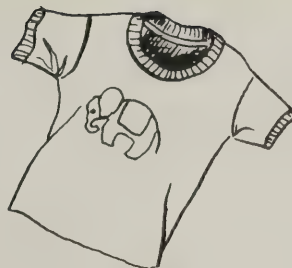
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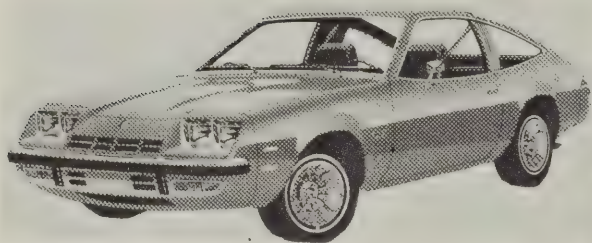
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Manager Rita Morris tries year-round to maintain the latest fashions at M.D. Morris Department Store. The store has one of the best selections of teenage apparel in the city.

M.D. MORRIS

B & J CHEVROLET BUICK



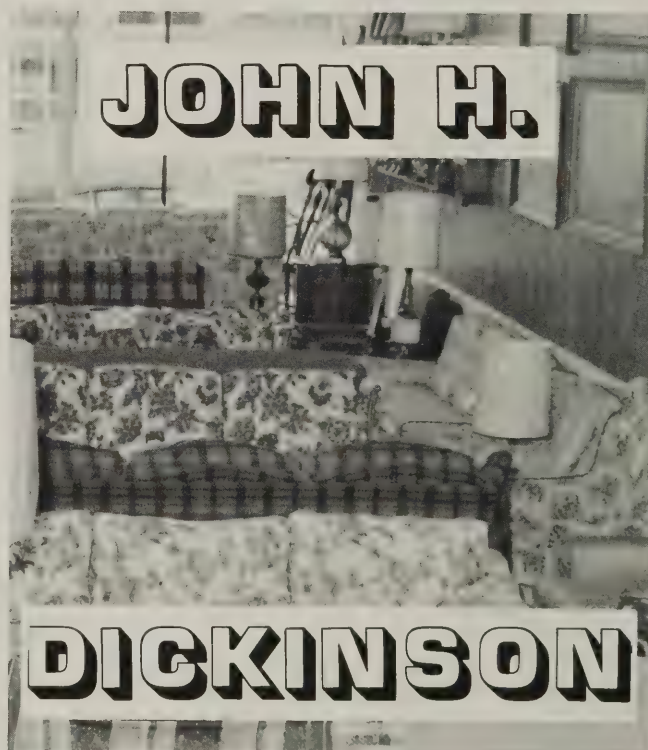
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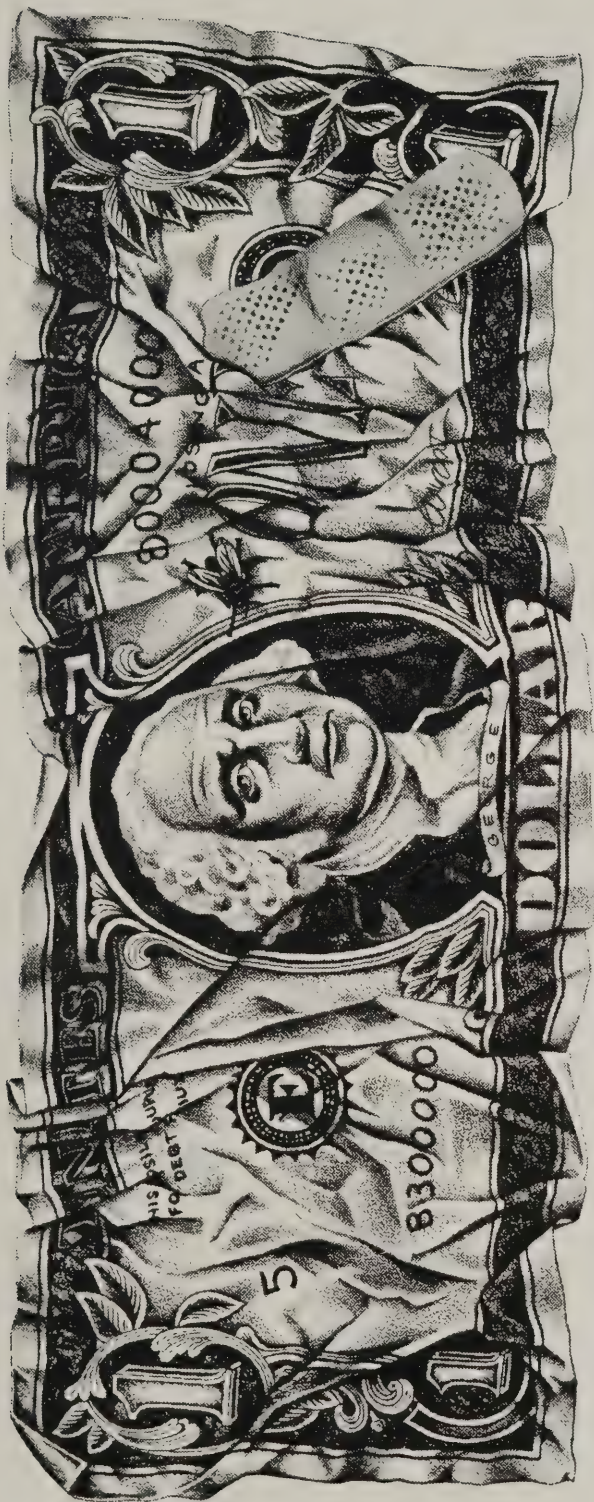
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BURKS INSURANCE AGENCY



The John H. Dickinson Furniture Store maintains one of the most extensive selections of furniture and appliances in the area.



**THESE DAYS, YOU NEED MORE THAN
A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO SAVE A DOLLAR.**



**VIRGINIA
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BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA

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Occupying the building on 10th Street vacated by General Cable two years ago, REA Magnet Wire, Inc. continued to employ city residents while other area industries found cut-backs necessary.



REA MAGNET WIRE

WHITEWAY



Furniture and home appliances top Whiteway's inventory list; but they also carry complete lines of floor coverings, televisions, stereos, 45-records, and LP albums.

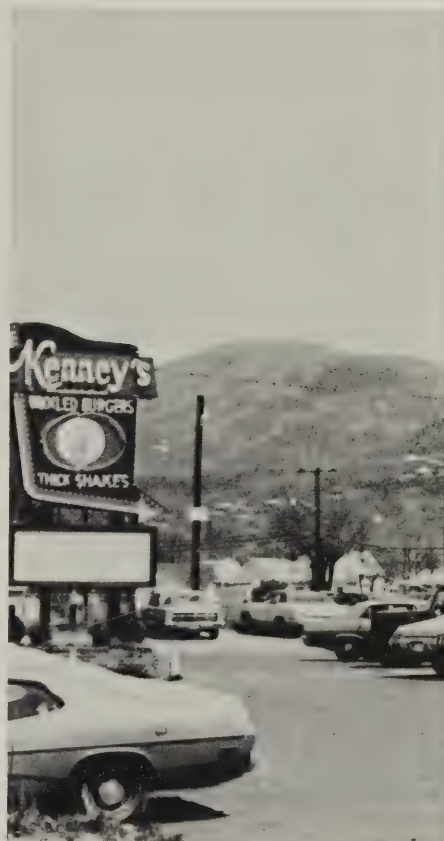
LADIES SPECIALTY SHOPPE



Browsing through Garrett's Jewelers' selection of Swank cuff links, Renee Stinnett searches for the perfect pair for that special gift.



GARRETT'S



A local favorite year-round, Kenney's offers good food as well as a place to socialize. Kenney's fried chicken is popular for the picnic season, while the Kenney burger is the main item for an after-school snack.



School organizations depend on community businesses like The Carpet Outlet for support. Helping the Marching Blues with their Honda trip, the Carpet Outlet gave the band 10 cents a square foot for every yard of carpet sold during October.



The country store in the city, B.P. Knight, sells all lines of merchandise from clothing to groceries to garden supplies. Knight's serves as headquarter for painter pants, a popular item for the high school crowd.



Beside the Maury River, Bernson Mills, Inc. employs a large number of area residents. Behind the factory, the pavilion located in Glen Maury Park is seen.

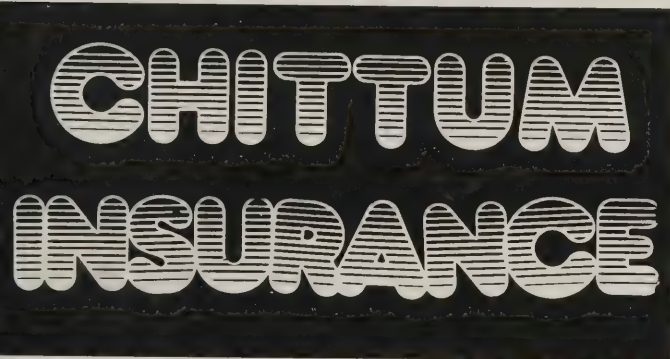
Bernson Mills, Incorporated manufactures several types of fabrics. The company has an outlet on Magnolia Avenue through which residents can buy its products conveniently.

**BERNSON MILLS, INC.
FABRIC OUTLET
ENTRANCE**

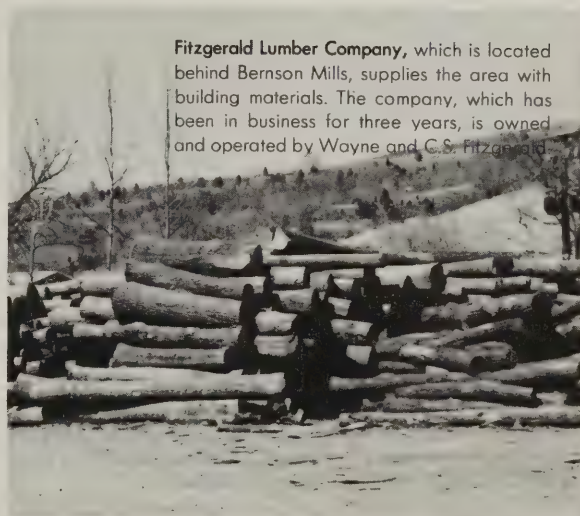


REEVES BROTHERS INC.

Transporting executives from the North Carolina plant, the Reeves Brs. helicopter is often seen in the Buena Vista company's parking lot.



Fitzgerald Lumber



Fitzgerald Lumber Company, which is located behind Bernson Mills, supplies the area with building materials. The company, which has been in business for three years, is owned and operated by Wayne and C.S. Fitzgerald.



TAURUS STEAK HOUSE

Serving beverages is one task performed by Debby Harris at the Taurus Steak House. Debby, a senior, assists her parents who own and operate the restaurant.

LEES CARPETS



A large selection of Lees carpets is readily available in the Buena Vista area at The Carpet Outlet.

Lees Carpets located in Glasgow, is a division of Burlington Industries, Inc. The enormous plant manufactures yarns and fine quality carpeting which is distributed exclusively to the finer stores in the nation.

The industry is the largest employer in the area, employing over 1000 people. Utilizing new machinery, the plant has increased carpet production greatly over the past three years.

ARA Service provides a modern cafeteria for the employees of Lees Carpets, serving two full-course meals daily and supplying vending service throughout the plant.



COLLINS' TV SALES AND SERVICE

Natural Bridge Station, Va.

The explosive new series, "Starsky and Hutch," was voted favorite TV show by the Senior Class. Television provides a favorite pastime for youth, and Collins' TV provides a complete line of televisions.

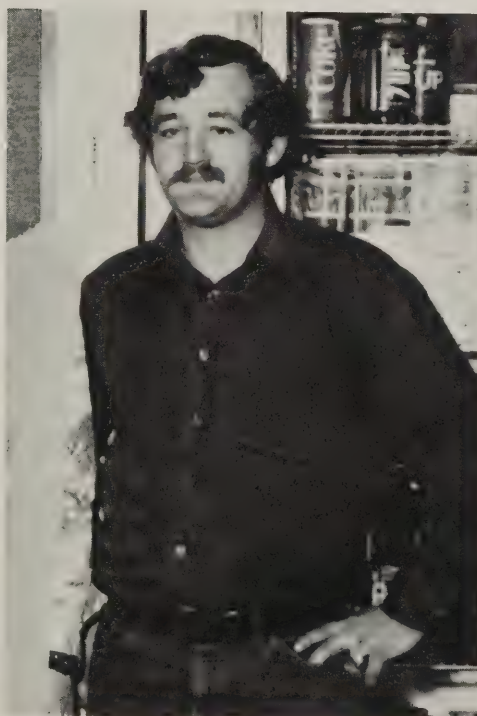
LOMAX FLOWER

AND

GIFT SHOP



An Easter bouquet is delivered by Pike Coffey, a student employee at Lomax Flower and Gift Shop. Lomax is a popular place for prom flowers for students throughout the county.

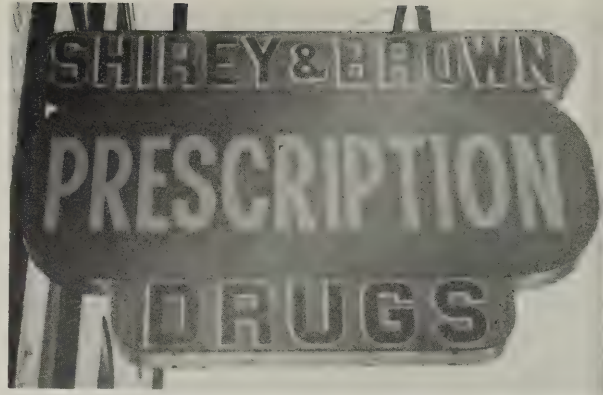


Owner Buddy Sheltman and his son-in-law Billy Gibson operate **Sheltman's Amoco**, the small, convenient store which carries a full selection of groceries, wine and beer.

SHELTMAN'S AMOCO



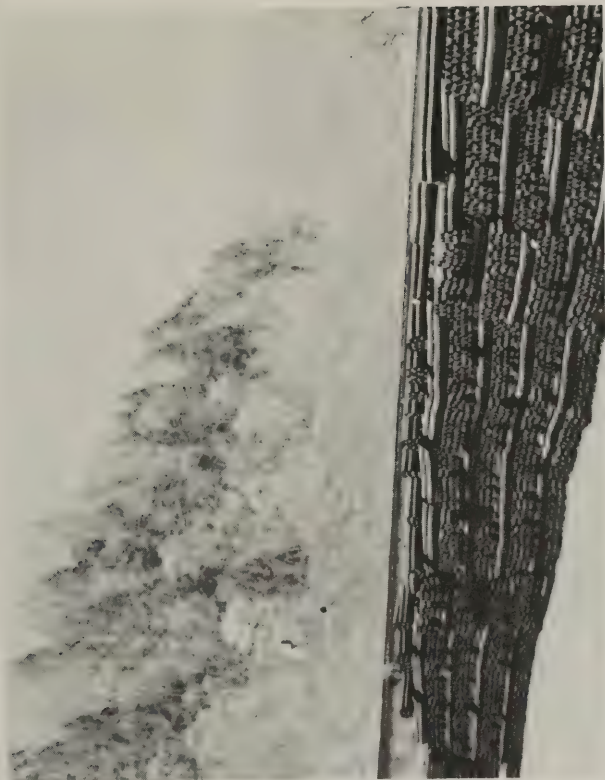
A Peeble's Department Store employee, Edison Godfrey, rings up a purchase in the Men and Boy's Department. Peebles, the city's largest department store, offers one of the best selections of merchandise in the area.





Advanced Drainage System, Inc., located on Factory Street in Buena Vista, makes corrugated plastic drainage tubing and fittings.

Stacks of tubing surround the area near the Advanced Drainage System plant.



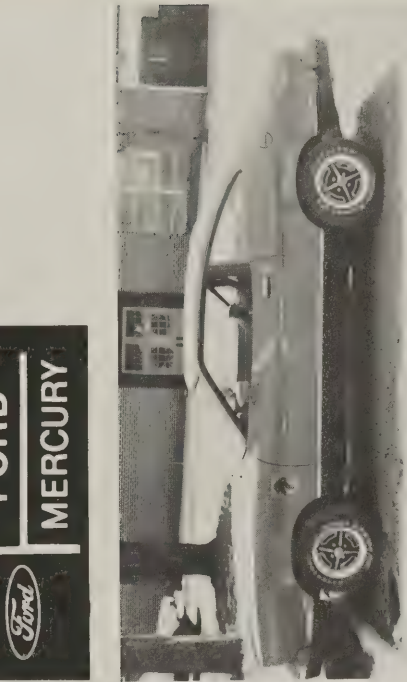
Leggett

Your Happy Shopping Store

Giving 10% discounts on formal wear rentals made Leggett a popular store at prom time.

COURTESY

FORD
MERCURY



The long wait was over when Greg Wheeler's candy apple red Mustang II Stallion arrived at Courtesy Motors

An assembly plant for school buses, Blue Bird East, Inc., is located on Highway 501 South. The main function of this plant is to take stock chassis and attach them to complete bodies, preassembled in a plant at

Fort Valley, Georgia, and then distribute them to purchasers. When production increases in the summer, the plant gives numerous high school and college students summer jobs.



BONDED FIBERS, INC.

BLUE BIRD EAST

Big Blue is a custom-built Blue Bird All-American. This functional unit is designed to accommodate all the necessary equipment needed for an extended trip by the band.



Fresh as a Daisy!

MORE FRESH PROCESSED

BONDED FIBERS

Bontex

IN SOLES

BUENA VISTA, VA.

Still commonly referred to as the Old Paper Mill, Bonded Fibers uses many of the same original structures once occupied by the Columbian Paper Co. The plant which now produces insoles, is located on the Maury River next to Moomaw's Landing and was responsible for the

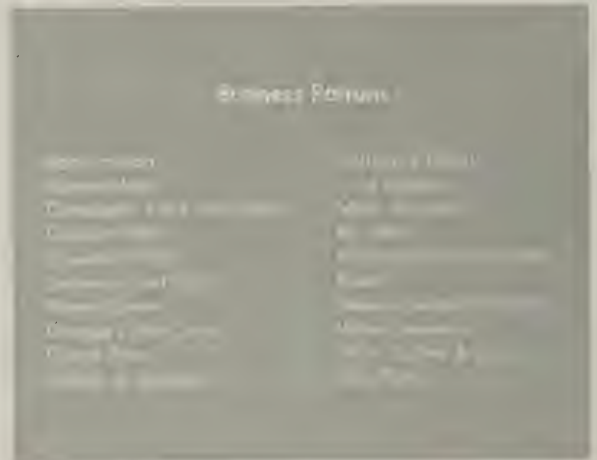
placing of the sign which marks the historic site. The plant is a division of Georgia Bonded Fibers, Inc. In the past year, Bonded Fibers has been hit by the "economy crunch". Subsequently the plant had to cutback, contributing to the area's unemployment rate.

P.O. Box 751
Buena Vista, Va./Newark, N.J.

With production decreased, trailers carrying Bonded Fibers' finished products do not make deliveries as often.



MEDICAL ARTS PHARMACY



PROFESSIONAL PATRONS

Thomas Hedrick, MD
 James McCown, DDS
 Pete Robey, Attorney
 H. Russell Robey

Cunningham's Scrap Iron

Medical Arts Pharmacy under the new ownership of Mr. Bill Crites, serves the pharmaceutical needs of the community as well as carrying a complete line of Christian books. The pharmacy also handles photo supplies and processing.

Bicentennial costumes are worn by Edith Goolsby, Bill Crites, and Ceil Burford. These employees of Medical Arts Pharmacy donned their specially-made outfits on holidays throughout the year.

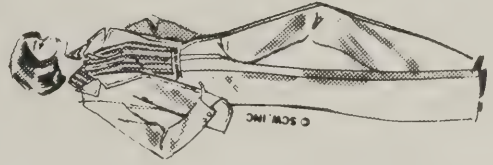
E. R. MOORE CO.

Founded in 1907, E.R. Moore Company is one of the country's largest producers of academic caps and gowns, girls' gymwear, and religious attire. The Buena Vista division of this company was opened in 1966.

Calisthenics begins gym class for Cheryl Fitzgerald, Jane Cash, and Lil McClung, who are wearing gym suits made by E.R. Moore.



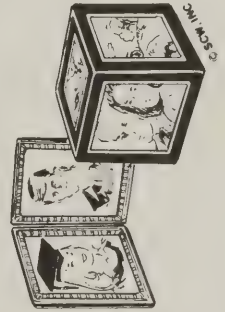
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FITZGERALD PHOTOS

Lyle Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald Photos is an award-winning free lance photographer. He specializes in weddings and serves as photographer for all area pageants including the Miss PMHS pageant.



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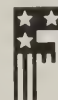


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Putting on their cleats, the baseball team prepares to meet the Bath County Chargers. The Blues won the game 7-3 and started their mid-season winning streak. The team members are Brian Balser, Hans Mohler, Tim Knick, Mark Wright, Kevin Humphries, Danny Henson, Tim Vest, and Vince Blackburn.



PAST CELEBRATED

The Bicentennial theme was prevalent throughout the year, occasionally overly prevalent. In fact, for most students, any mention of "the bicentennial spirit," or "1776," or "two hundred years ago today" led to immediate moans and groans. But, students had been bombarded continuously for a year and a half by Bicentennial-related sales pitches and tedious Bicentennial assignments and they were tired of the red, white, and blue.

Every public event focused on the nation's birthday. Beauty pageants from Miss PMHS to Miss America utilized Bicentennial themes. In all parades, tunes like "Yankee Doodle" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" replaced customary marching music, while floats stressed the celebration with patriotic colors and symbols.

The Bicentennial forced its way not only into community activities, but also into school activities. In English classes, students expounded on what the Bicentennial meant to them, while in art classes, they la-

bored over bicentennial posters. Several clubs chose projects related to the celebration. The Drama Club presented a humorous Bicentennial skit, while DECA published a historic pamphlet.

Even though students grew weary of the constant "stars and stripes," the citizens of Buena Vista celebrated the celebration with honest sincerity. In many areas of the nation, the name "Bicentennial" was slandered by an extreme commercialism that came close to rivaling that of Christmas. Countless communities used the historic year for boosting business, but Buena Vista celebrated it as a beautiful part of the American heritage.

As Buena Vista seriously looked at its past, it also planned for its future. The construction of Kling Elementary School was a visible sign of progress, while the establishment of a middle school brought about new concepts in education.

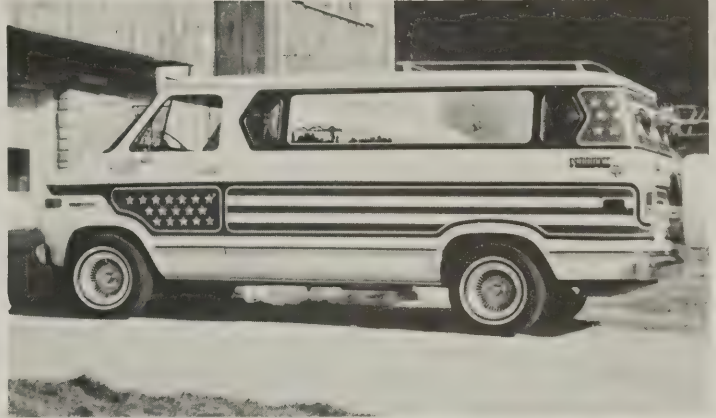
The school system adapted to change in other ways also. In the high school, static groups such as

the Science Club, the Library Club, and the Junior Red Cross were dissolved. Contrasting these clubs, other groups became more active. The Hi-Y was re-established and carried out projects throughout the year, while the Art Club added to its activities by painting hall trash cans. Academic phases of school life also changed. The distributive education program ceased when interest declined and a college psychology course was introduced to meet changing needs. Also, a county-wide vocational school was made available for the coming year.

As the school system continued to develop, the emphasis remained on the future. The balance of past, present, and future that was maintained prevented the bicentennial from monopolizing the spirit of the community. It was important to recall the nation's past heritage, but it was more important not to let the celebration of the past interfere with the plans for the future.



WITH SINCERITY



Above: The Miss PMHS pageant was one of many which utilized a Bicentennial theme. Andy Ogden prepares to present the trophy to the newly-crowned queen, Debbie Wright. **Extreme patriotism** is taken to the limit as Ray Clements' Bicentennial van sits in his driveway.

Leading the Mock Convention parade is a Bicentennial honor guard composed of W&L students.

Left: The mother of America, M.C. Morris as Martha Washington hobbles onto the stage during the Drama Club's Constitution Day Assembly.

Dressed as a Southern Belle, Elizabeth Tyler stands on the "Wallace for President" float during W&L's Mock Convention Parade.

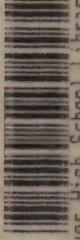
The Spirit of '76 is represented by the People's Bank float in the Buena Vista Labor Day parade.



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